

Z'UNKAHRAH CITY.

KOTAL KAHN'S
CORONATION DAY.

THERE ARE
THOSE AMONG YOU...WHO THINK
I AM A SINGLE-MINDED WARRIOR.
IT'S TRUE, I LIVE TO FIGHT...BUT
WITH *PURPOSE*.

THE THRONE OF
OUTWORLD...IS NOT A SEAT OR A TITLE.
IT IS THIS CITY... Z'UNKAHRAH!

MILEENA'S *FIRST MISTAKE* WAS
NEGLECTING THIS PLACE AND THE
CITIZENS WHO CALL IT HOME. I VOW
TO DEFEND THESE WALLS
WITH MY LIFE!

KO-TAL KAHN!

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TODAY.

I STOOD BEFORE
THE EMPIRE AND MADE
THAT PROMISE.

A PROMISE
YOU CANNOT KEEP IF
YOU ARE DEAD.

IF I
CANNOT PROTECT
THE CAPITOL, I AM
UNFIT TO RULE. IF
DYING IS MY *DUTY*,
I WILL DIE.

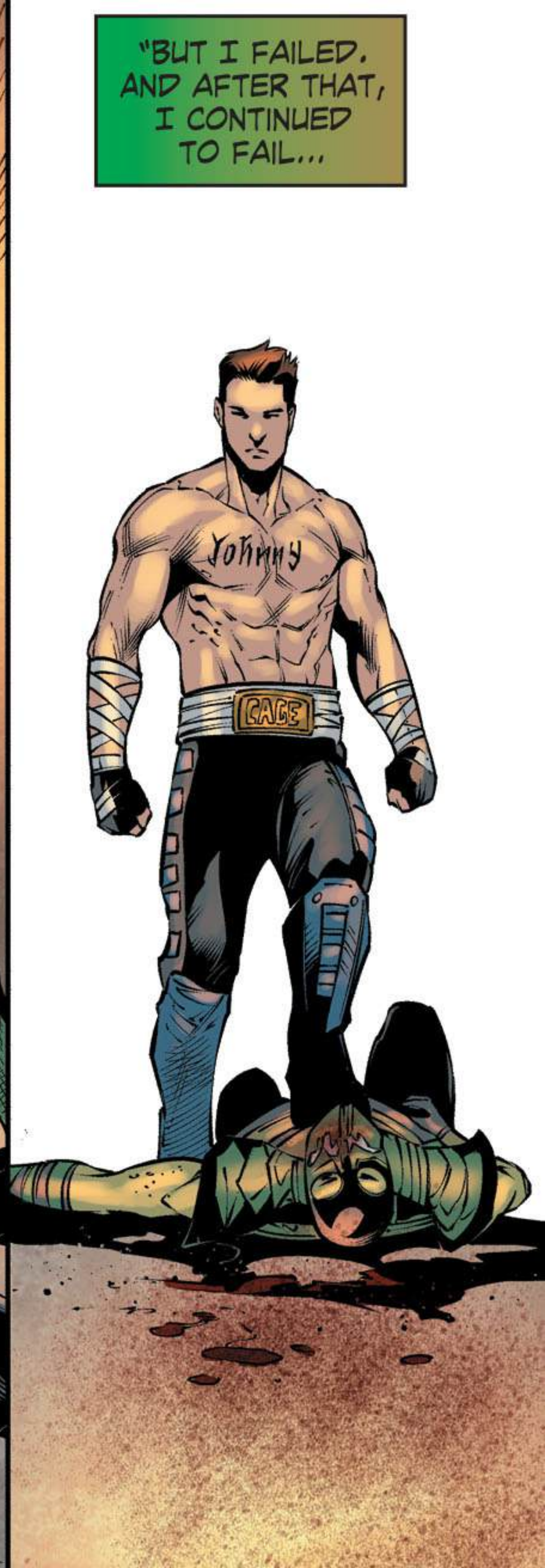
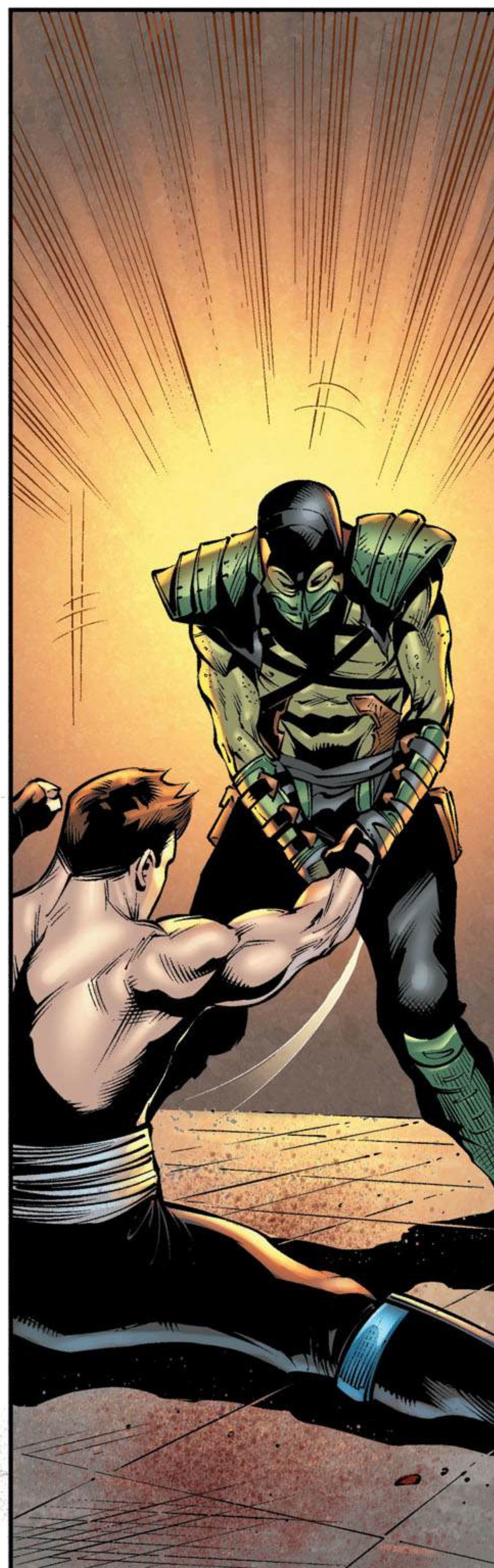
I REMEMBER
WHEN *YOUR DUTY*
WAS TO KILL
ME...



OUTWORLD

SEKRET ORIGIN

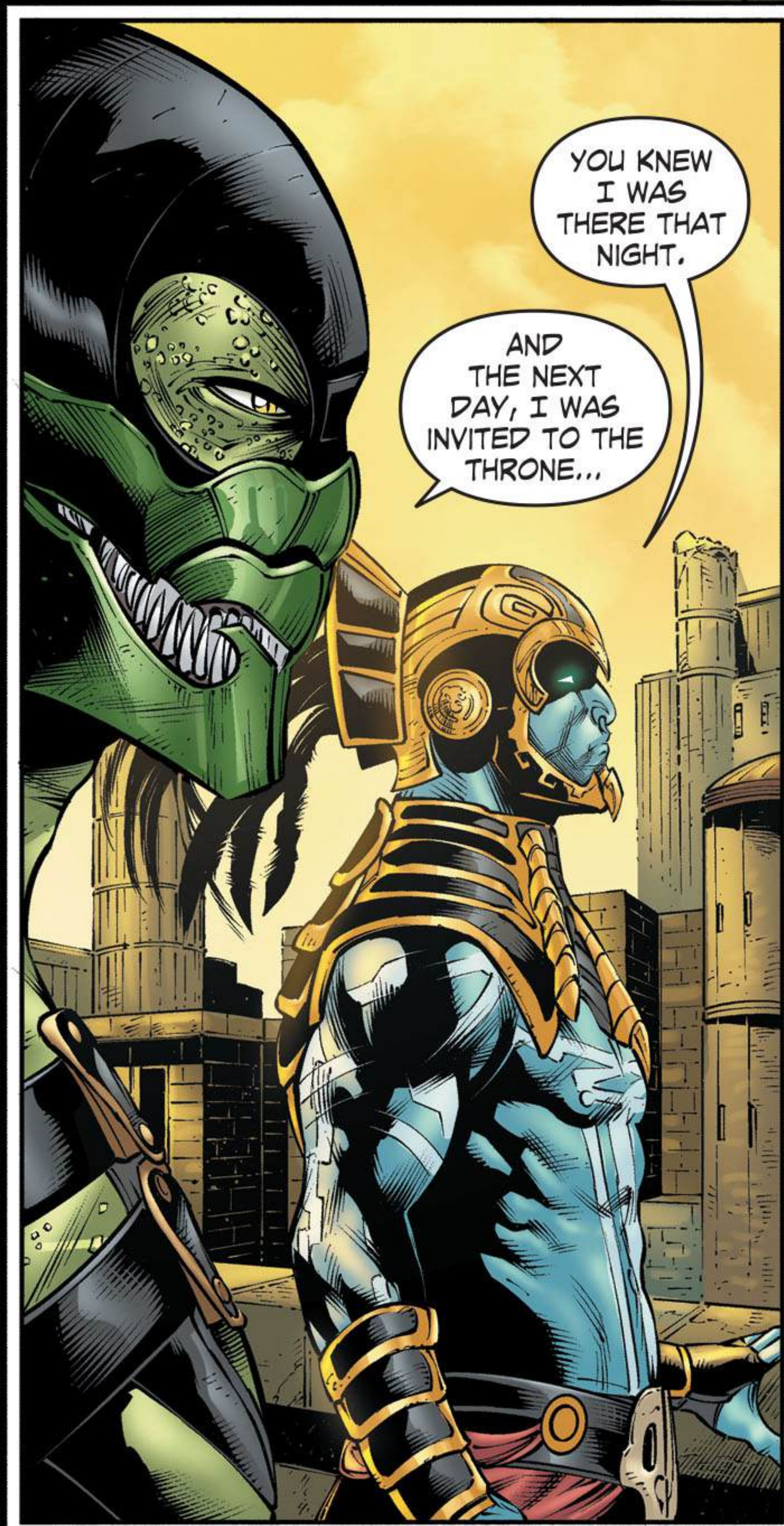
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"I WASS NO LONGER WELCOME
IN THE EMPEROR'SS PRESSENCE.
I KNEW WHAT *THAT* MEANT.

"FROM
THEN ON...

"...I SSLEPT
WITH ONE
EYE OPEN."



YOU KNEW
I WAS
THERE THAT
NIGHT.

AND
THE NEXT
DAY, I WAS
INVITED TO THE
THRONE...

"...WHERE I MET MY
NEW COMMANDER."

KOTAL
HAND-PICKED YOU
HIMSELF--*DESPITE* MY
RESERVATIONS.





I'VE ALWAYS WONDERED... WHY YOU SPPARED ME.

SHAO KAHN WOULD RATHER CONQUER ANOTHER REALM THAN RULE THE EMPIRE HE HAD. **SO I DID IT FOR HIM.**

GOOD SPIES ARE FINE TOOLS. YOU DON'T SEND THEM INTO DEATHMATCHES.



YOU SSAW VALUE WHERE HE DID NOT.



I STILL DO.



YOU HAVE VALUE, TOO, KOTAL. EVEN WITHOUT YOUR FAMILY HERE, WE--

I HAVE ENJOYED REMINISCING WITH YOU. GOOD NIGHT.



THIS ONE DOES NOT WANT TO REMEMBER HIM SO DOUR.



'MEMBER OUR STORY? WANNA HEAR IT?

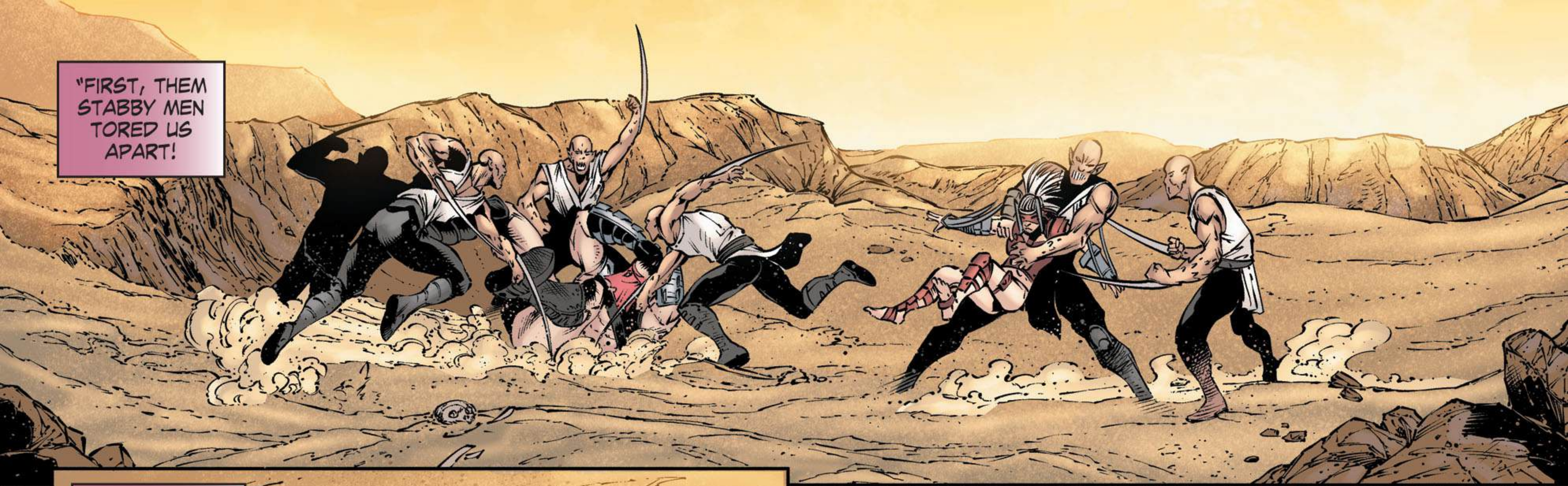
WHAT STORY?

TORR'S FAV'RITE!

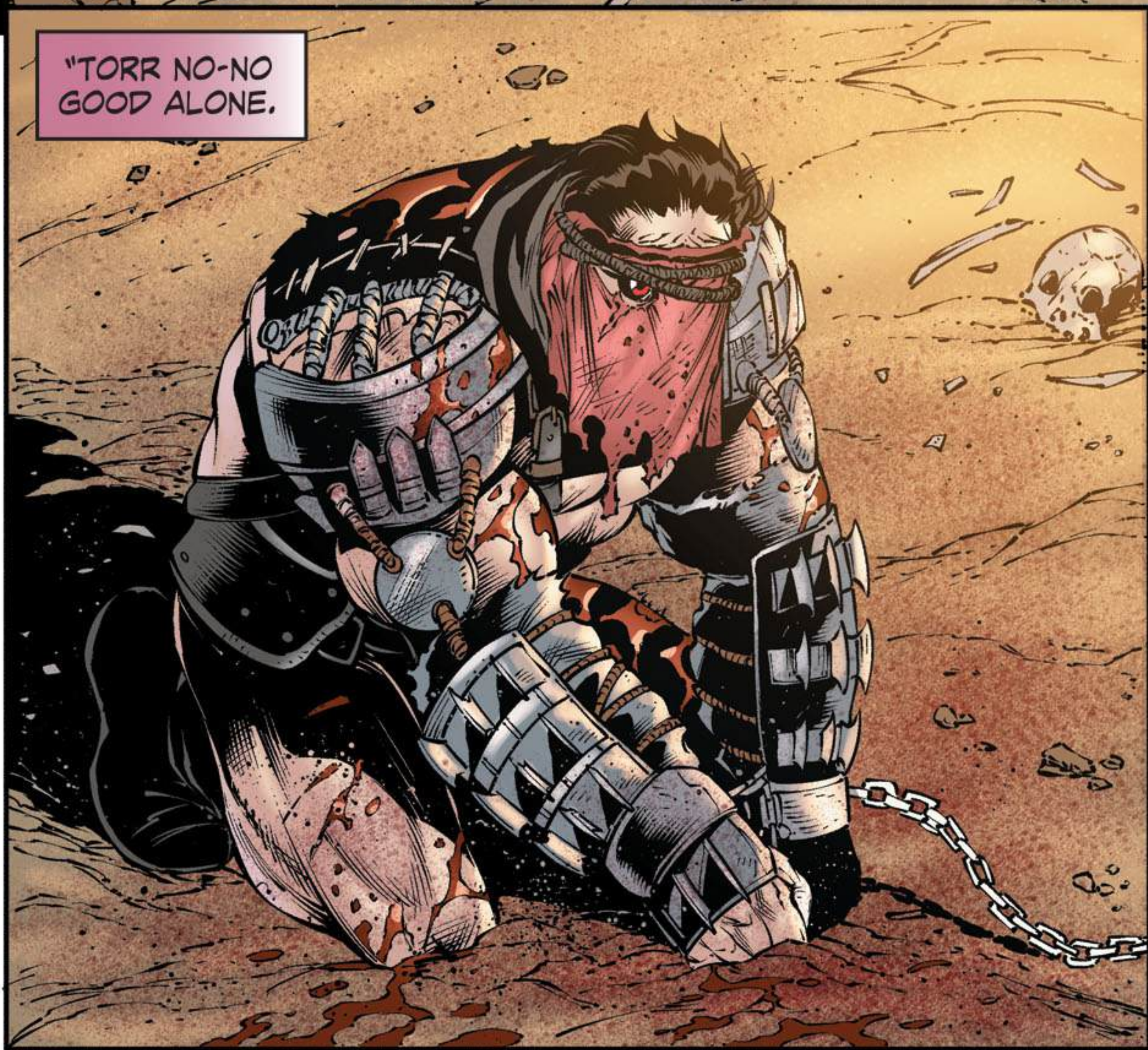
NOT NOW. I CRAVE ONLY SOLITUDE--

HERE IT GOES!

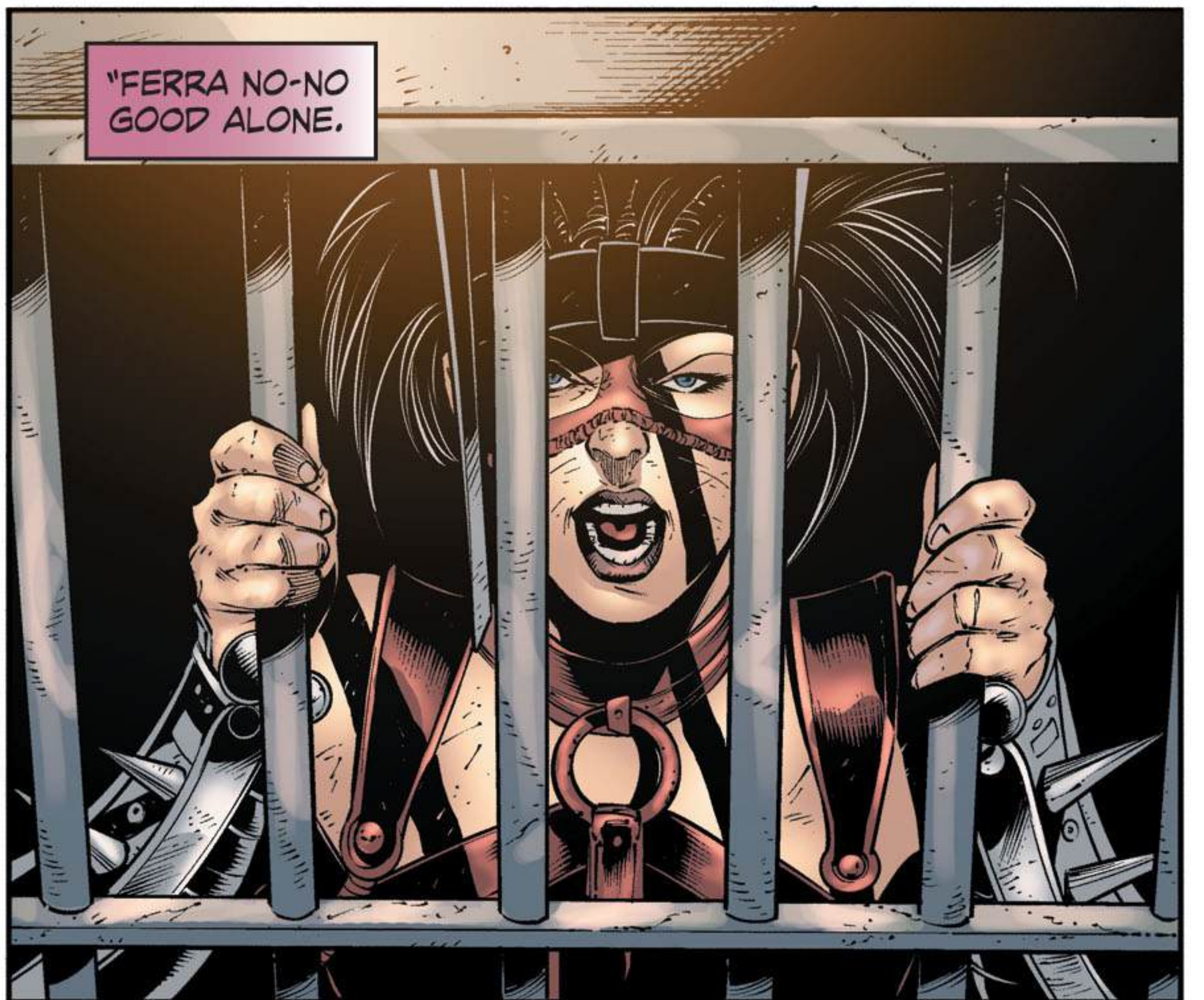
"FIRST, THEM
STABBY MEN
TORED US
APART!"



"TORR NO-NO
GOOD ALONE."



"FERRA NO-NO
GOOD ALONE."



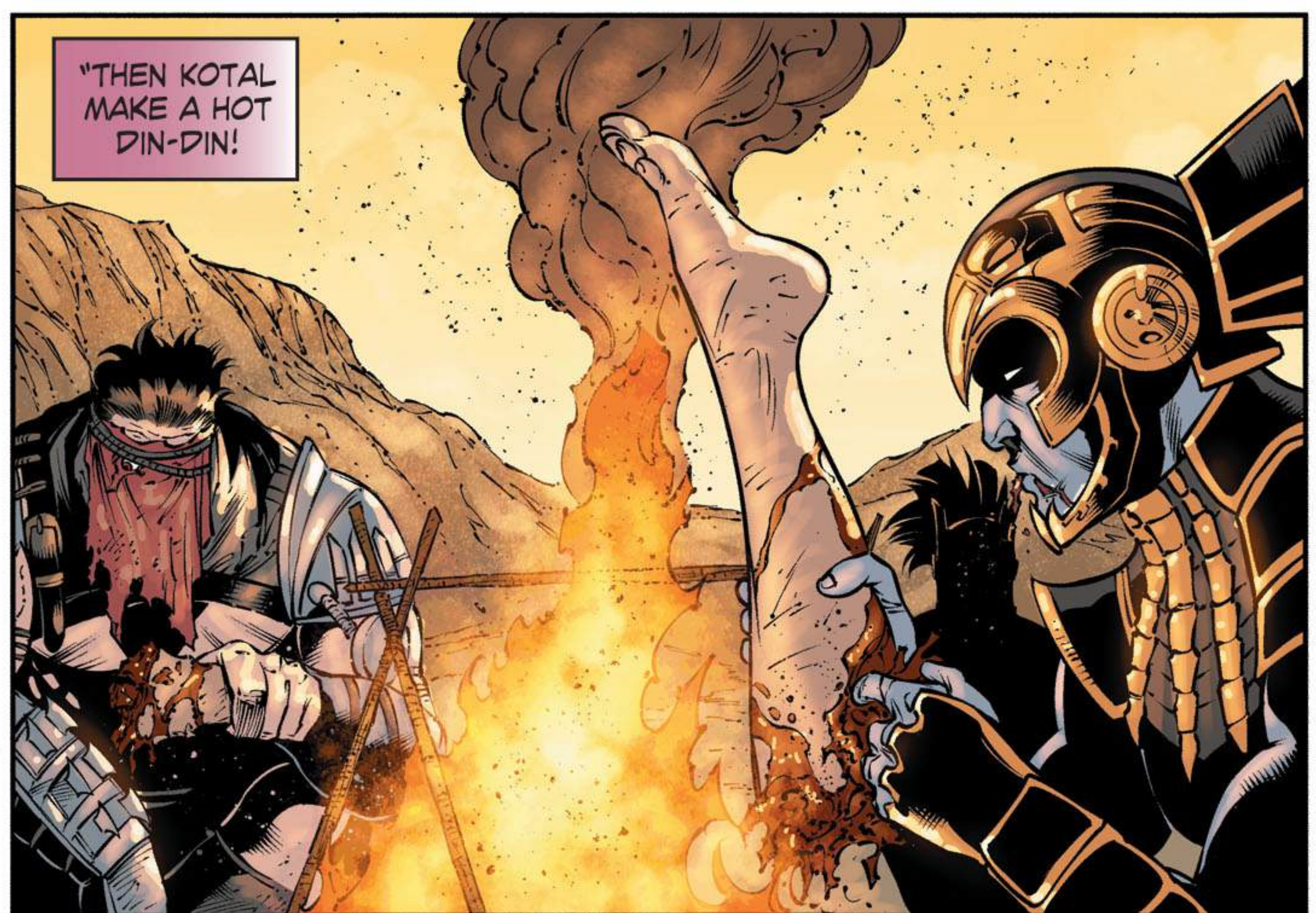
"THEN KOTAL
COME! HIM
FREES TORR."



"THEM
FREES ME."



"THEN KOTAL
MAKE A HOT
DIN-DIN!"





THE ARNYEK ISLANDS.

AGES AGO.

"ON THE EVE OF *INVASION*, THE KYTTIN ELDERS WERE TOO BUSY *ARGUING* TO FORM A DEFENSE.

"THIS ONE REFUSED TO PARTICIPATE, KNOWING THEY HAD ALREADY ARGUED TOO LONG..."

"...AND ALL THEY WOULD DO WAS SCATTER."



YOU! WHY DO YOU NOT FLEE?



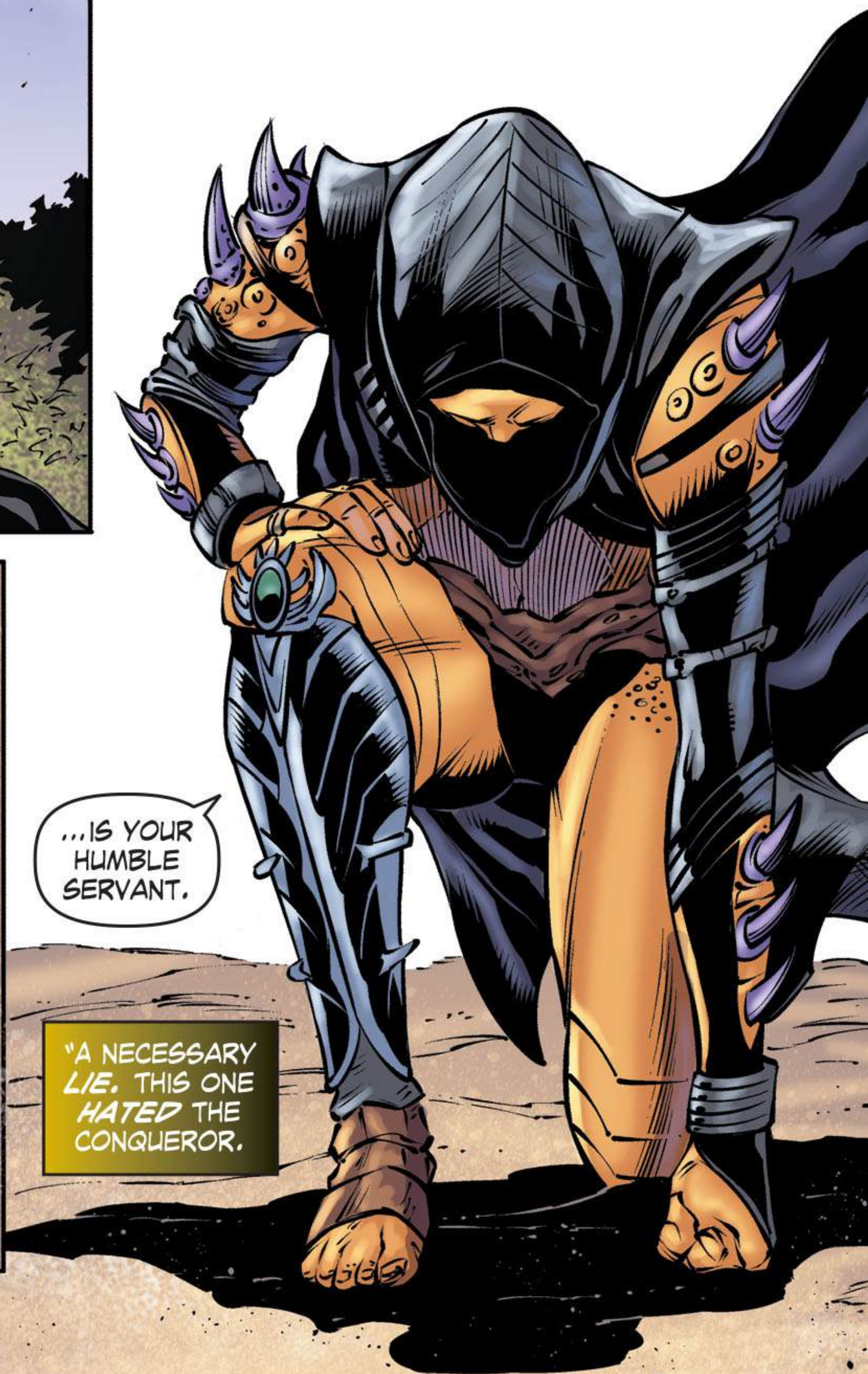
YOUR KIN RUN AND HIDE, YET YOU STAND YOUR GROUND. ARE YOU THEIR QUEEN?

NO. THIS ONE...



...IS YOUR HUMBLE SERVANT.

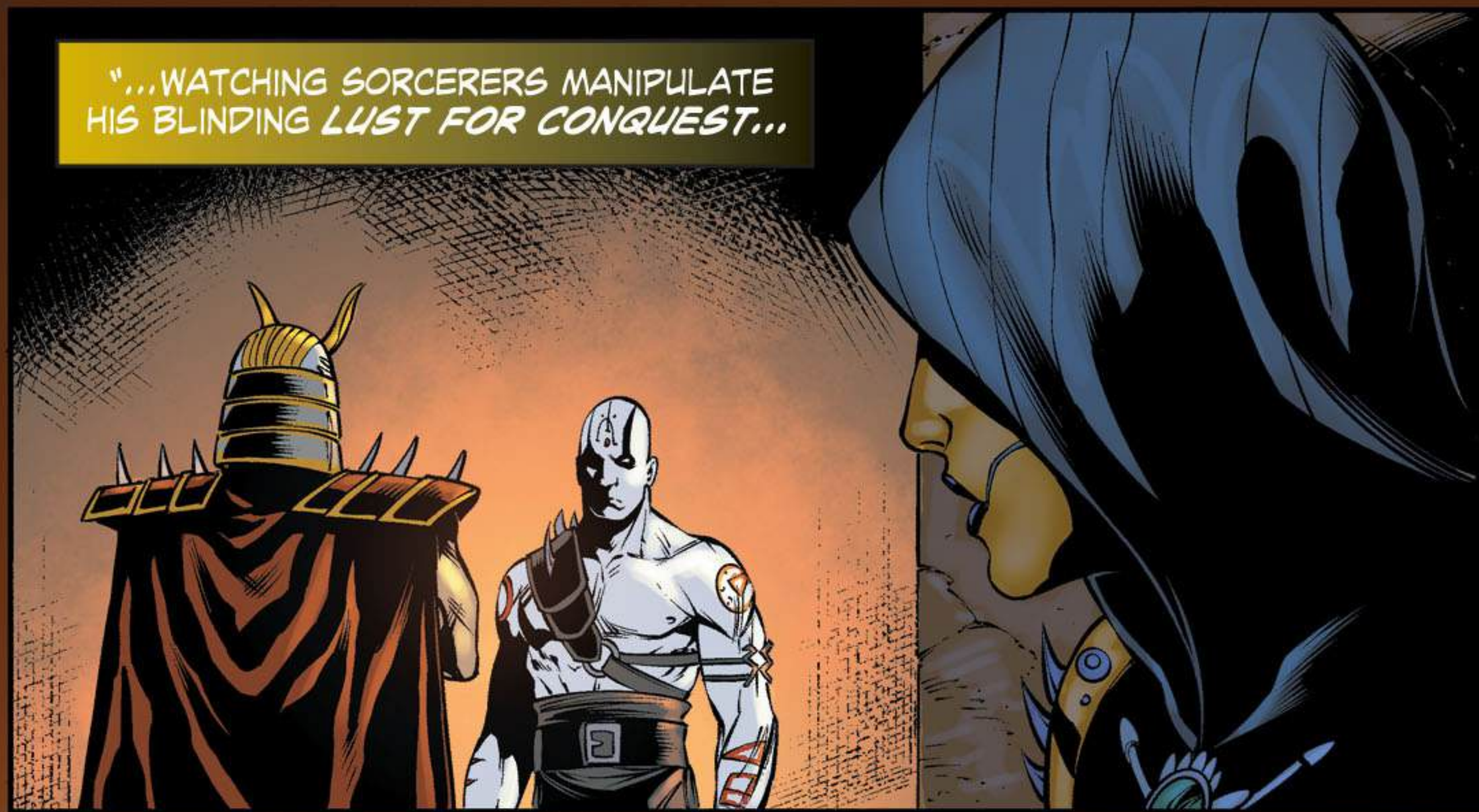
"A NECESSARY LIE. THIS ONE HATED THE CONQUEROR.





"SHAO KAHN SPARED THE KYTTIN... TO MAKE THEM SLAVES, ALL EXCEPT THIS ONE.

"THIS ONE FOUND *SHELTER* IN THE TYRANT'S SHADOW. WAITING...



"...WATCHING SORCERERS MANIPULATE HIS BLINDING *LUST FOR CONQUEST*...



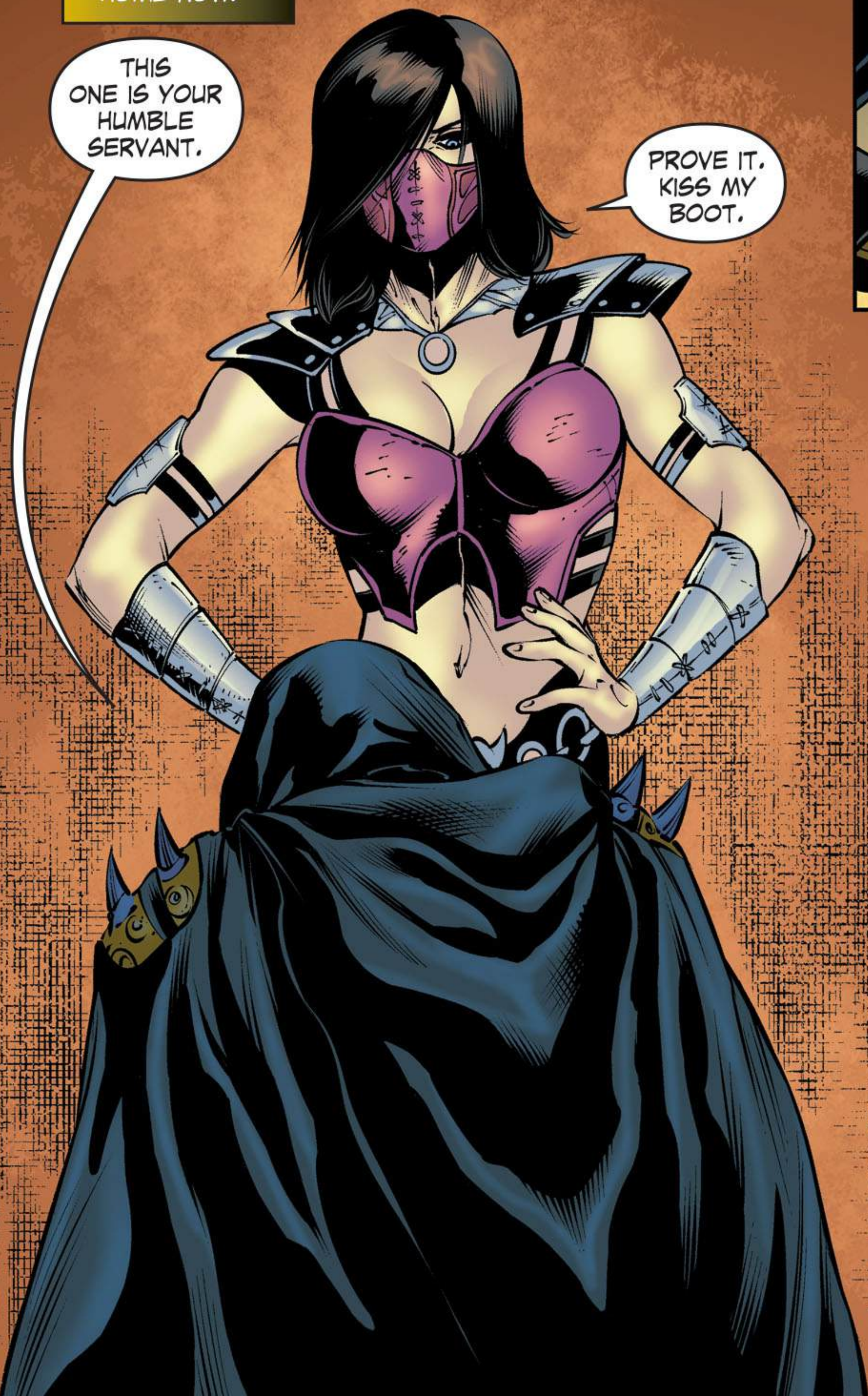
"...UNTIL THAT LUST DESTROYED HIM.

"IN THAT MOMENT, THIS ONE COULD HAVE GONE FREE...

"...BUT WHERE? THE TYRANT'S SHADOW WAS HOME NOW."



"YOU DON'T FIGHT BACK... PERFECT! YOU ARE *TRULY* MY HUMBLE SERVANT.



"THIS ONE IS YOUR HUMBLE SERVANT.

"PROVE IT. KISS MY BOOT.

"EVEN WHEN KOTAL
DEFIED MILEENA...
THIS ONE *HESITATED*
TO STAND WITH HIM..."

HOW DARE
YOU! I SUCCEEDED
SHAO KAHN BY
DECREE.

SUCCEED
HIM YOU HAVE.
BUT OUTWORLD
DEMANDS...NEW
LEADERSHIP.

"BUT THEN REPTILE
DEFENDED KOTAL
WITH CONVICTION
BEYOND THAT OF
ANY *SERVANT* OR
SLAVE, AND
I KNEW..."



D'VORAH
SSPEAKSS
FOR USS ALL.

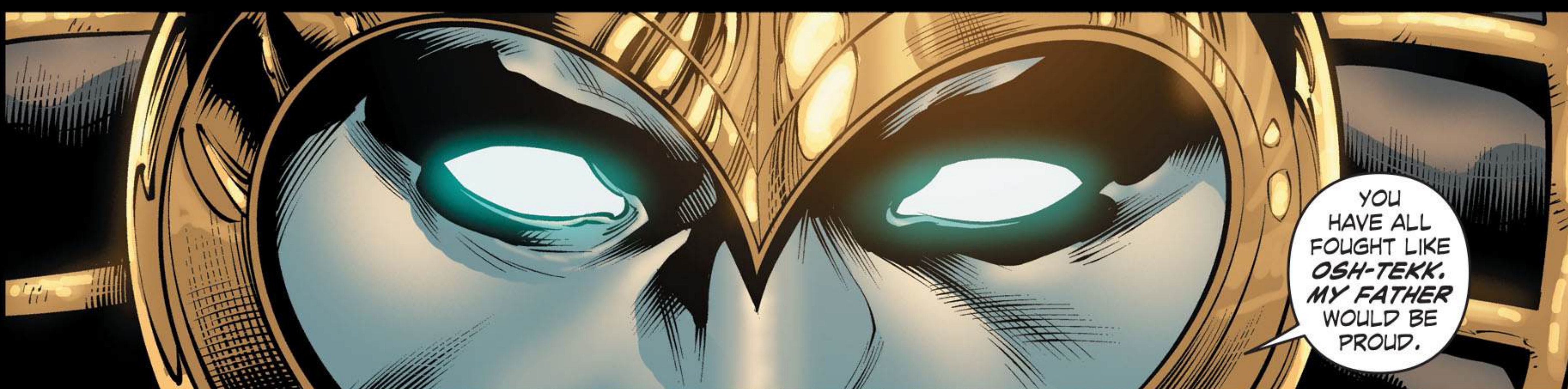
...TYRANTS RULE WITH FEAR,
BUT KOTAL KAHN *LEADS*
WITH RESPECT.

YOU ARE THE
ONLY LEADER THIS
ONE HAS *EVER* TRULY
RESPECTED.

MY
SACRIFICE TOMORROW...
WILL SAVE THOUSANDS
OF LIVES.

THAT
IS LEADING WITH
RESPECT.

YOU
HAVE ALL
FOUGHT LIKE
OSH-TEKK.
MY FATHER
WOULD BE
PROUD.







DEADLY ALLIES

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SHANG TSUNG'S ISLAND.

GET
OUTTA THERE,
JACQUI!!





WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS TO US?

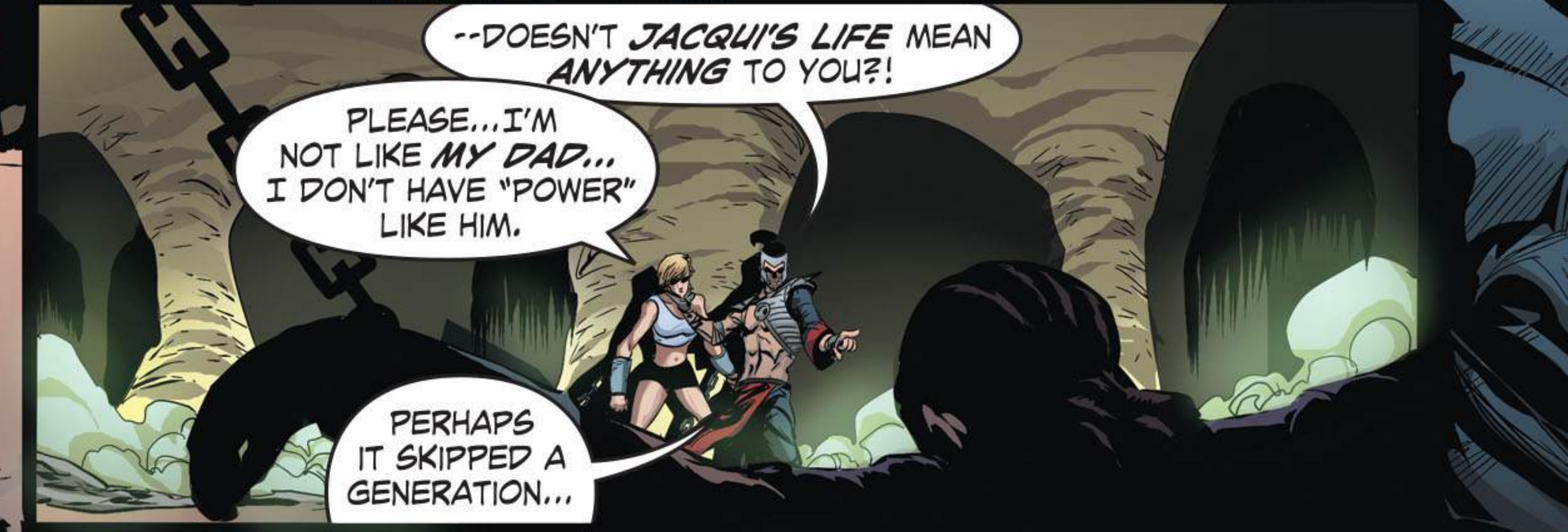
BECAUSE YOUR FATHER IS JOHNNY CAGE.

SO WHAT... YOU WANT AN AUTOGRAPH?



I WANT **POWER**. JOHNNY CAGE DEFEATED SHINNOK, A **MORTAL** FOUGHT AN ELDER GOD **AND WON**. THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE...

...UNLESS HIS BLOODLINE ARE WARRIORS BRED TO FIGHT THE GODS THEMSELVES. WARRIORS WHOSE **TRUE POWER** IS UNLEASHED WHEN THEIR LOVED ONES ARE NEAR DEATH. SO TELL ME--



--DOESN'T *JACQUI'S* LIFE MEAN ANYTHING TO YOU?!

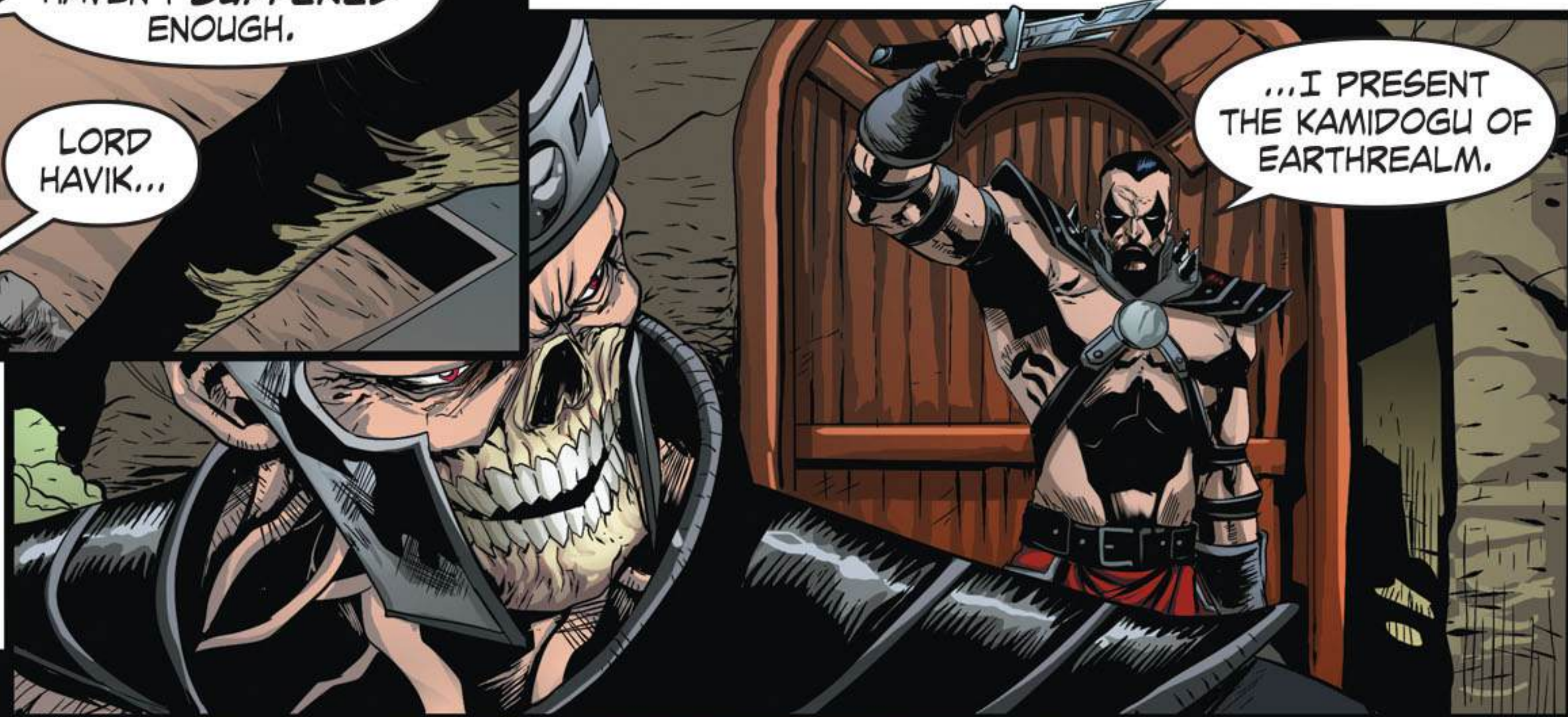
PLEASE...I'M NOT LIKE *MY DAD*... I DON'T HAVE "POWER" LIKE HIM.

PERHAPS IT SKIPPED A GENERATION...



...OR MAYBE YOU JUST HAVEN'T **SUFFERED** ENOUGH.

LORD HAVIK...



...I PRESENT THE KAMIDOGU OF EARTHREALM.



EXCELLENT. **ONE MORE DAGGER** TO RETRIEVE, THEN WE SHALL MAKE YOU THE **BLOOD GOD**.

ONE MORE? BUT WE'VE ONLY COLLECTED **TWO**. YOU SAID THE RITUAL REQUIRES **SIX KAMIDOGU**.



THAT'S THE FUN PART. RAIDEN HAS ALREADY COLLECTED **THREE DAGGERS** FOR US.

HE DOESN'T KNOW IT, BUT EVERY STEP THE GOD OF THUNDER TAKES TO **PROTECT** EARTHREALM BRINGS US CLOSER TO **CONQUERING** IT...



MY EMPIRE
WILL NOT BE
CONQUERED!!

KOTAL KAHN IS
A COWARD! JUST AS REIKO
AND MILEENA CALLED UPON
THE RED DRAGON, HE BEGS THE
AID OF **BLACK DRAGONS**
TO KEEP HIS THRONE.

LET US
REMIND HIM THAT
TRUE OUTWORLDERS
NEED NO HELP FROM
EARTHREALM.



LET
US **GRIND**
THEIR BONES
TO DUST!

SHO-RAH!

SHO-RAH!

SHO-RAH!



KINTARO! LET US **DECIDE THIS** THE HONORABLE WAY. I CHALLENGE YOU TO FACE ME IN **MORTAL KOMBAT!**

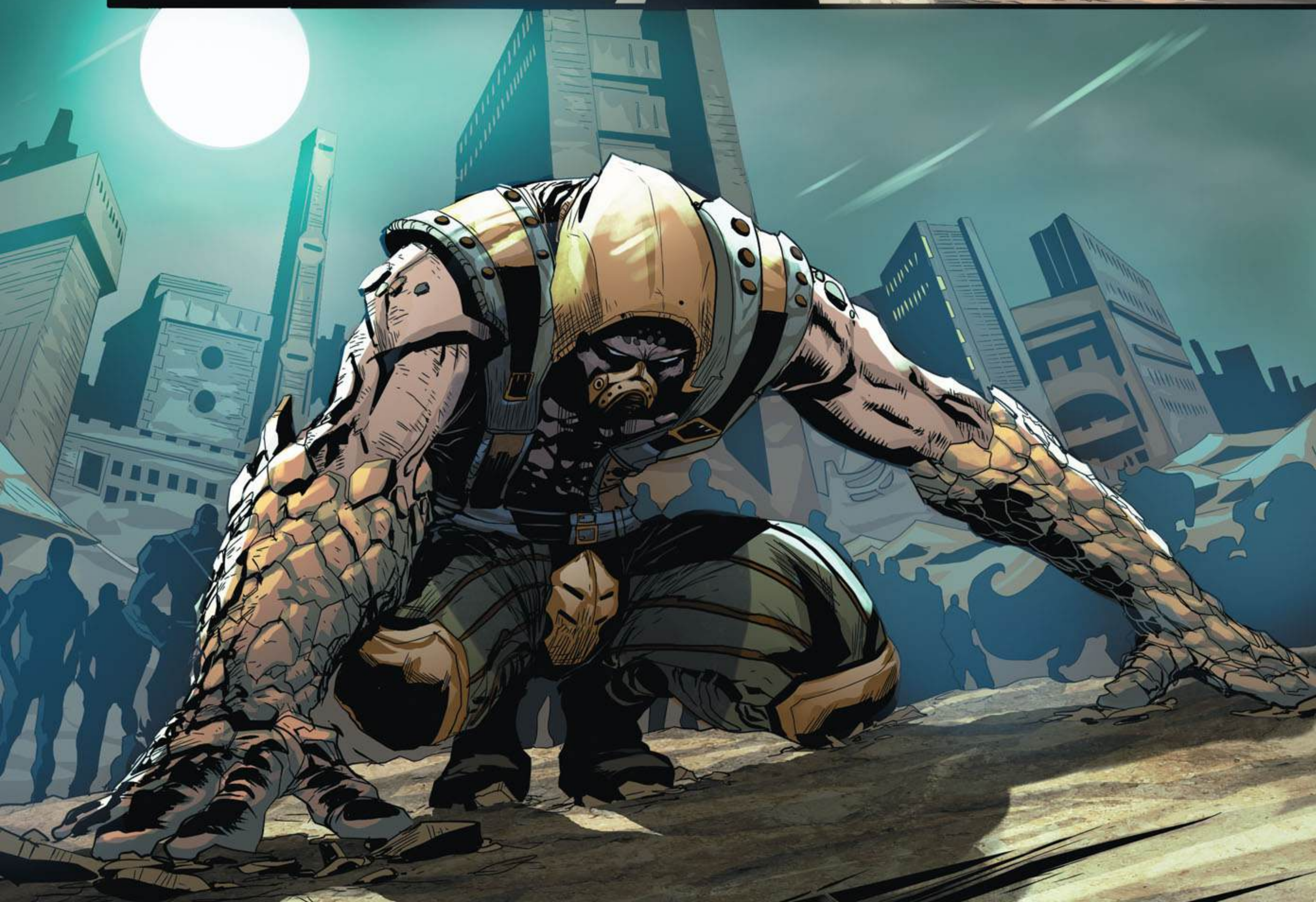
IS THAT WHY YOU BROUGHT SO MANY FRIENDS, TO CHEER WHILE I PUMMEL YOU?

I **DECLINE** YOUR CHALLENGE. THERE WILL BE NO KOMBAT TODAY. ONLY **FATALITIES!**



SO BE IT, KANO?

THAT'S YOUR CUE, **TREMOR.**



THEY SEND ONE MAN? SOMEONE SPEAR THIS FOOL--



RRNGH. BACK TO YOUR FEET, SOLDIERS!



I AM IMPRESSED, KANO. BUT WHY HAS HE STOPPED?

DON'T WANT HIM TO BRING DOWN THE WHOLE CITY, DO YA? A BIG QUAKE'S AN IMPRECISE WEAPON.

YOU WANT DEVASTATION AND PRECISION IN ONE PACKAGE, I GOT JUST THE THING...







WHAT MANNER OF SORCERY IS THIS?

SCIENCE. WHY BOTHER WITH MAGIC WHEN WE HAVE THE **POWER OF THE ATOM** AT THE **TOUCH OF A BUTTON?**

PRETTY DEATH LIGHTS!



"KINTARO JUST LOST MORE THAN HALF HIS ARMY, BUT WE ALL KNOW SHOKAN NEVER SURRENDER. WHAT'S THE NEXT ORDER, EMPEROR?"



IF THE SHOKAN WILL NOT SURRENDER... **FINISH THEM.**



THE SHOKAN AND THEIR ONI ALLIES HAVE TORN Z'UNKAHRAH APART. UNDER PROUD KINTARO'S COMMAND, THEY WILL NEVER SURRENDER.

BY TONIGHT, **KOTAL KAHN** WILL BE DEAD...



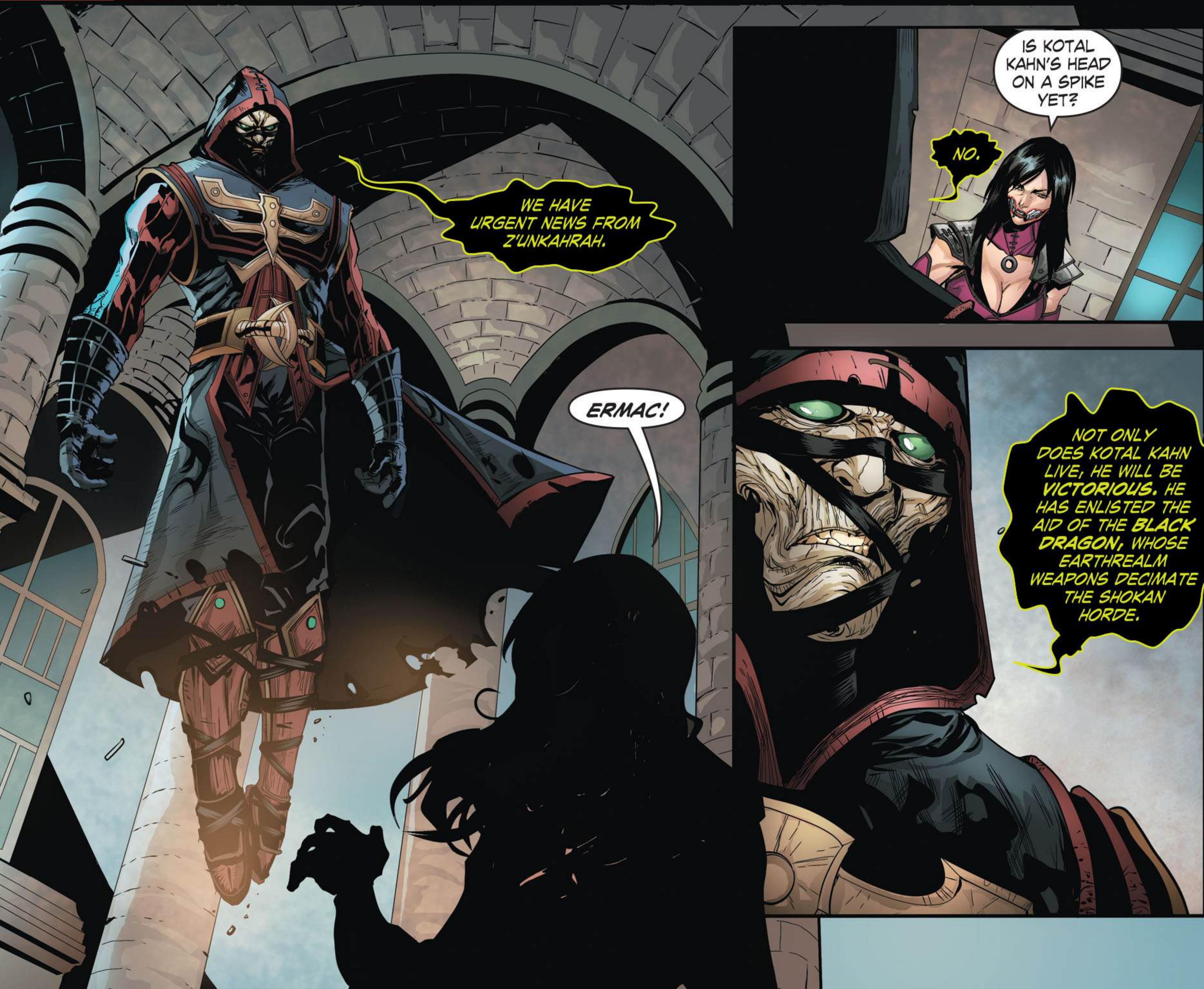
...AND OUTWORLD'S **RIGHTFUL EMPRESS** CAN BE RESTORED.

AND THEN, **RAIN**, ALL THE SACRIFICES WE'VE MADE IN THIS WAR WILL BE WORTH--

EMPRESS?



WHO DARES INTERRUPT US?!



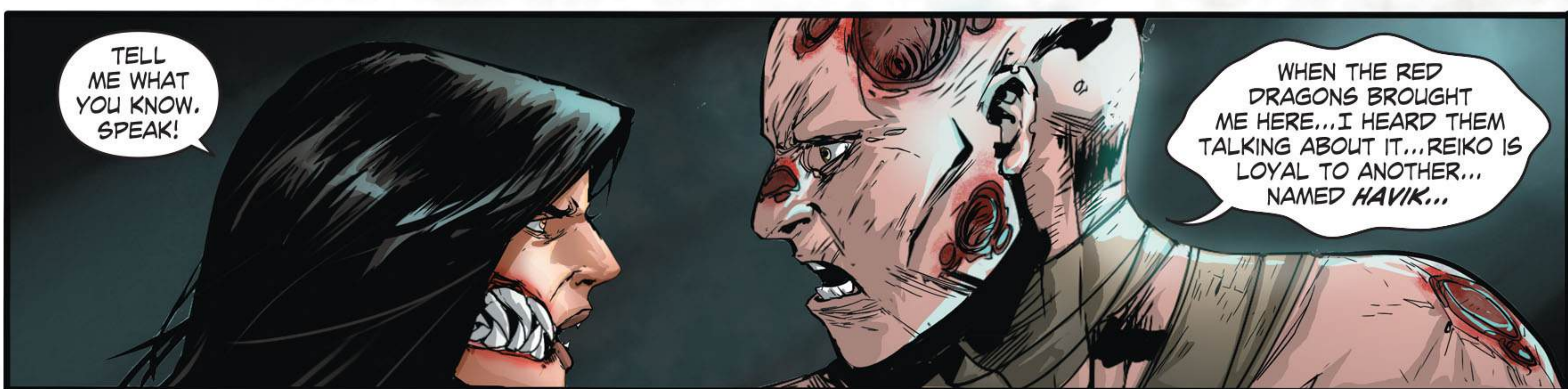
WE HAVE URGENT NEWS FROM Z'UNKAHRAH.

ERMAC!

IS KOTAL KAHN'S HEAD ON A SPIKE YET?

NO.

NOT ONLY DOES KOTAL KAHN LIVE, HE WILL BE VICTORIOUS. HE HAS ENLISTED THE AID OF THE **BLACK DRAGON**, WHOSE EARTHREALM WEAPONS DECIMATE THE SHOKAN HORDE.







GENERAL
KINTARO...
YOUR UPRISING
ENDS NOW.
DO YOU
SURRENDER?



THE
SHOKAN...DO NOT
SURRENDER!

I KNEW
YOU
WOULD SAY
THAT.



GRANT ME
THE DIGNITY YOU
DENIED GORO.



VERY
WELL.

WHY
DO YOU INSIST ON
DENIGRATING--

THE SHOKAN
WERE NOT MY
ENEMY...UNTIL
GORO CONTRACTED
WITH REIKO AND
MILEENA.

I'VE ALWAYS
ADMIRERD
THE STRENGTH
OF YOUR
PEOPLE.





HEAR ME,
SHOKAN WARRIORS!
MILEENA AND REIKO...ARE
ENEMIES WE SHARE! WHY KILL
EACH OTHER FOR THE GOOD OF
OUR COMMON FOE? WE SHOULD
JOIN FORCES... AND KILL
THEM TOGETHER!!

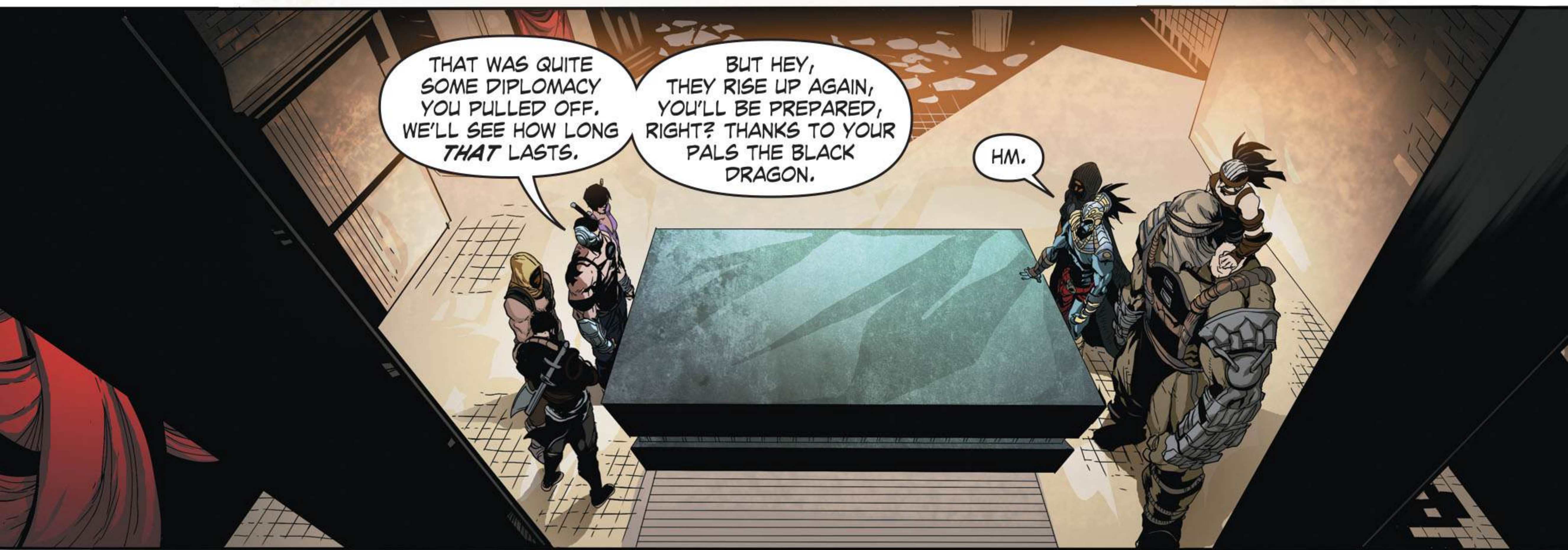
I WILL
NEVER
COMMAND
YOU TO
SURRENDER.
I ONLY ASK
THAT YOU
FIGHT.



SHO-RAH!
SHO-RAH!

KO-TAL!
KO-TAL!

KO-TAL!



THAT WAS QUITE SOME DIPLOMACY YOU PULLED OFF. WE'LL SEE HOW LONG *THAT* LASTS.

BUT HEY, THEY RISE UP AGAIN, YOU'LL BE PREPARED, RIGHT? THANKS TO YOUR PALS THE BLACK DRAGON.

HM.



I ASSUME YOU'LL PAY WITH THE USUAL GOLD.

WHAT PRICE ARE YOU ASKING?

HOW MUCH YOU GOT?



FOR YOU? *NONE*. YOU OWE ME A DEBT...FOR ENDANGERING MY STRATEGIC ALLIANCE WITH EARTHREALM.



YA MEAN *KIDNAPPING SONYA'S BRAT*? ERRON BLACK'S SCHEME, NOT MINE.

I FIRED SOME BIG FUCKING GUNS FOR YOU TODAY, KOTAL. NUKES DON'T COME CHEAP.

NEITHER DO SECOND CHANCES. I OWE YOU NOTHING.

GUESS NOT. 'SPECIALLY IF YOU DON'T WANT THIS *PORTAL STONE* BACK...

...SHE'S A BEAUTY, EH?





OOEF!

THE PORTAL STONE IS NOT YOURS TO RANSOM.

KR-ACK-KK



RELEASE HIM OR I'LL BRING THIS WHOLE PLACE--

RUMBLE RUMBLE



BLAM
BLAM



GEEZ, KOTAL, WITH FRIENDS LIKE THESE...



THE BLACK DRAGON ARE *NOT* MY FRIENDS. THEY OWED ME A DEBT... AND IT HAS BEEN REPAID.

D'VORAH, PLEASE SHOW KANO AND HIS CLAN TO SECURE QUARTERS...IN THE *DUNGEON*.

YOU OUTWORLDERS ARE ALL BENT!



HOPE YA FIND YER DAUGHTER. BE A SHAME IF A PEACH LIKE HER DOESN'T MAKE IT TO *LEGAL AGE*...

YOU SONNUVA--

CASSIE'S A SURVIVOR.



SO AM I.



ARE YOU GOING TO EXECUTE THEM?

NO. KANO MUST ANSWER FOR HIS CRIMES *BEYOND* MY EMPIRE. I PLAN TO TURN HIM OVER TO THE PROPER AUTHORITY...*YOU*.



THANK YOU, *EMPEROR*.

BUT FIRST WE NEED TO FIND THOSE GIRLS.



I HAVE ORDERED PREPARATIONS FOR THE SHIP TO SHANG TSUNG'S ISLAND. WE SAIL TONIGHT.

WE? I DIDN'T THINK YOU WERE COMING...

REIKO AND THE RED DRAGON ARE *DEADLY ALLIES*. DEFEATING THEM REQUIRES AN ALLIANCE OF OUR OWN...DO WE AGREE?

FOR ONCE, WE DO.

KANG TEMPLE.
HENAN PROVINCE,
CHINA.

LIU KANG
WAS A LEGEND. DID
YOU EVER FIGHT
HIM?

YES.
DURING HIS FIRST
TOURNAMENT.

WHO
WON?

IT WAS NOT
A TRADITIONAL
MATCH.

YOU
LOST?

LIU KANG
MUST'VE BEEN
BAD ASS.

MASTER
HASASHI,
IS THAT
YOU?

MASTER
SHUJINKO.

WELCOME TO KANG
TEMPLE. I UNDERSTAND
YOU'VE COME AT **LORD
RAIDEN'S** REQUEST.
UNFORTUNATELY...







BLOOD GODS

JUST THE TWO OF US





JUST
THE TWO
OF US!



I GET WHY YOU'RE *FIRE* UP, HANZO. YOU TREKKED ALL THE WAY HERE ON RAIDEN'S BEHALF ONLY TO FIND OUT YOU'RE WORKING FOR THE ENEMY.

RAIDEN'S
A LOT OF THINGS,
BUT A *TRAITOR*
ISN'T ONE.



IF I MUST
SPELL IT
OUT FOR
YOU...

...YOU CLAIM A "DEMON"
SEEKS TO UNLEASH THE TRUE
POWER OF THE KAMIDOGU--
POWER THAT CAN ONLY BE
ACCESSED BY UNITING
THEM.

ERGO,
THE DAGGERS
MUST BE COLLECTED
FIRST. AND WHAT HAS
RAIDEN BEEN DOING?
COLLECTING THEM.



AT EASE,
BOY. KANG TEMPLE
IS ONE OF THE
SAFEST PLACES ON
EARTH, PROTECTED
BY AN ARMY OF
WARRIORS.

SO
WAS THE
SHIRAI RYU
TEMPLE.



YOUR FATHER
THOUGHT YOU
WOULD BE SAFE
THERE...

WHAT
DO *YOU*
KNOW ABOUT
HIM?

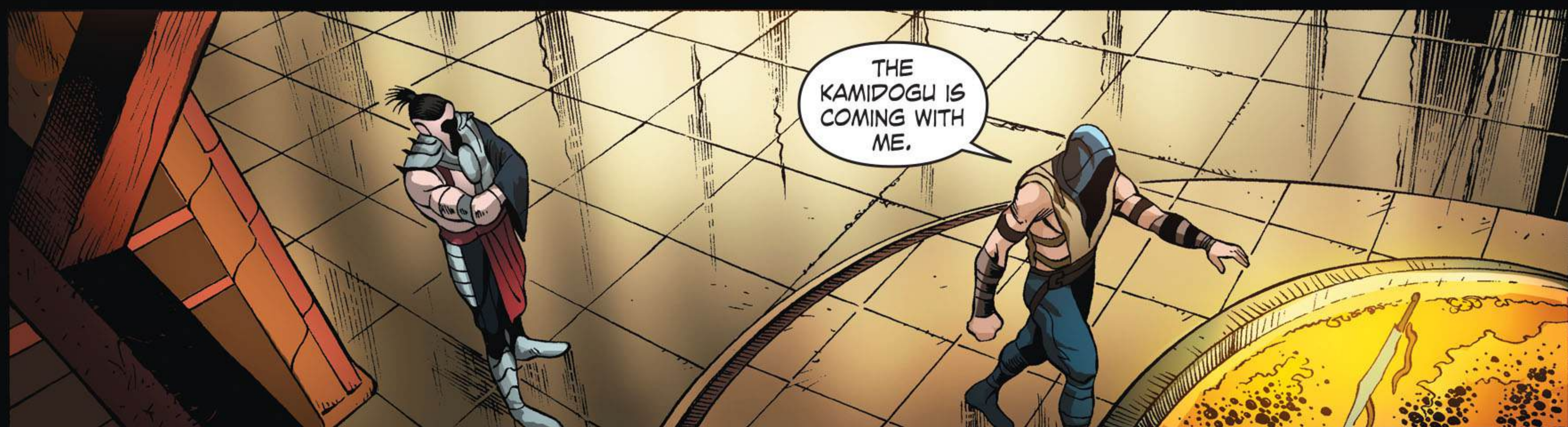
KENSHI CAME
HERE AFTER HE LEFT
YOU WITH HANZO. HE
QUESTIONED HIS CHOICES.
BUT ULTIMATELY HIS
WAR WITH *DAEGON*
TOOK PRIORITY.



WHO'S
"DAEGON"?

*YOUR FATHER'S
MORTAL ENEMY.*
FOUNDER OF THE RED
DRAGON. CLAIMS TO BE
A SON OF THE GOD
ARGUS.

THAT'S WHY
HE WAS RUNNING
FROM THE RED DRAGON
WHEN WE MET...





...I'M THE
ONE WHO
CORRUPTED
HIM.

WHO
CORRUPTED
ALL OF THEM.
ALL IT TOOK WAS
A FEW DROPS
OF BLOOD.

WHO'S
NEXT?

YOU ARE.
AND THIS TIME
TAKEDA WON'T BE
AROUND TO SAVE
YOU...



HE
IS PROBABLY
TRYING TO KEEP
YOU FROM RUNNING
AFTER YOUR
FATHER.

WHY HASN'T
HANZO TOLD
ME THIS?

HANZO
UNDERSTANDS
VENGEANCE
BETTER THAN
ANYONE...

YES. BUT
IT WAS MORE THAN
VENGEANCE THAT TURNED
HANZO INTO SCORPION...



...FIRST
HE HAD TO
DIE!!

THE SKY TEMPLE.





WE HAVE REPAIRED AND REINFORCED THE BOUNDARIES PROTECTING EARTHREALM, BUT IN DOING SO WE HAVE LEFT A STRATEGIC WEAKPOINT UNGUARDED... THE PLACE *BETWEEN* THE REALMS.



SHANG TSUNG'S ISLAND...

EXACTLY. WHAT IF *THAT* IS THE INCURSION POINT?

WE SHOULD INVESTIGATE AT ONCE.



I ATTEMPTED TO GO THERE ALREADY BUT WAS REPELLED BY A POWERFUL SPELL, A SHIELD REMARKABLY SIMILAR TO *YOUR* RETAINING SEALS...



IS THERE SOMETHING YOU NEED TO TELL ME?

NO. ONLY... IT CAN'T BE...



WHAT IS IT?





"...JOHNNY AND SONYA ARE THERE. WE MUST WARN THEM AND DETERMINE IF KOTAL KAHN REMAINS OUR ALLY."

THE DOCKS OF Z'UNKAHRAH CITY.

KOTAL'S SERVANTS HAVE BEEN LOADING THIS SHIP FOR HOURS... HOURS THAT CASSIE AND JACQUI CAN'T AFFORD.

I KNOW. WHAT IS ALL THIS CRAP ANYWAY?

PROVISIONS. WEAPONS, FOOD, EVERYTHING AN "EMPEROR" NEEDS TO LAY SIEGE. MOST OF IT WILL GO TO WASTE, JUST LIKE OUR TIME...

WE HAVEN'T BEEN BACK TO SHANG TSUNG'S ISLAND IN YEARS. WHO KNOWS WHAT'S WAITING FOR US THERE?

IF THIS MISSION DIDN'T INVOLVE OUR DAUGHTER, YOU'D TAKE THE TIME TO PACK FOR EVERY SCENARIO, TOO.

MAYBE. I DON'T KNOW. BETWEEN THE SHOKAN AND...WE'VE BEEN STUCK IN Z'UNKAHRAH FOR TOO GODDAMN LONG. IF SHE'S ALIVE, WHAT HAVE THE RED DRAGON DONE TO HER?

DON'T GO THERE, SONYA. WORRYING WON'T HELP YOU.

AW, HELL-FUCKING-NO!



HOW DO YOU NOT SEE THE HUGE **BLACK DRAGON** SYMBOL IN FRONT OF YOU?

I THOUGHT WE NEED THEM TO MOVE FASTER, NOT STOP.

EXCUSE ME, **SERVANTS**? STOP RIGHT THERE.



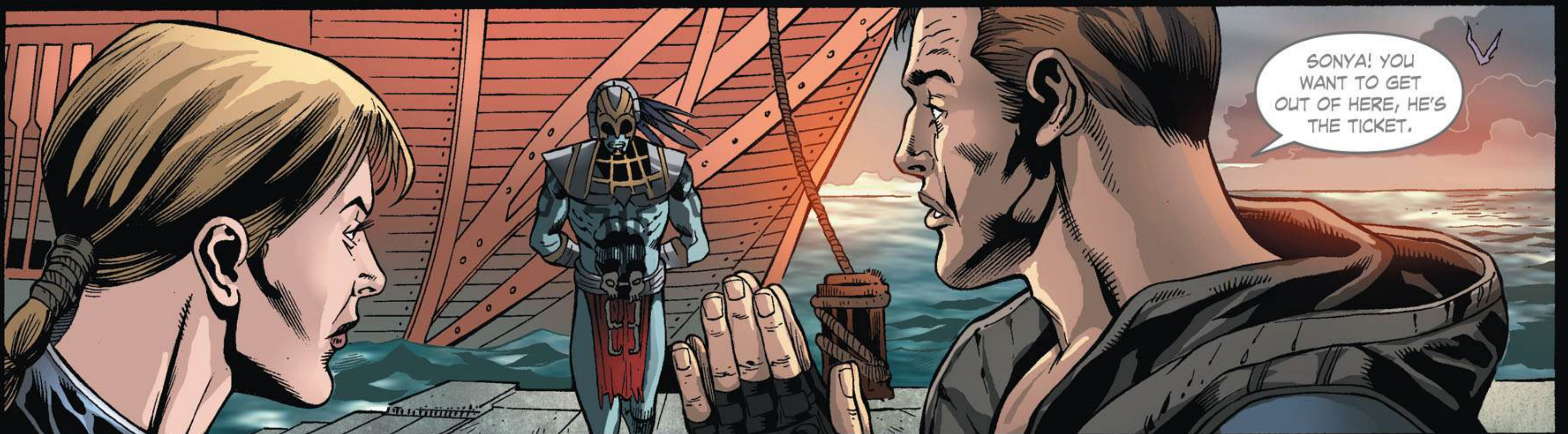
LOOK, YOU'RE STRESSED. DON'T LOSE YOUR SHIT OVER SOME TRIVIAL **KANO** GEAR. HE'S LOCKED UP.

DAMMIT, CAGE--



--THERE'S NOTHING TRIVIAL ABOUT A W.M.D.

IS THERE A PROBLEM, COLONEL BLADE?



SONYA! YOU WANT TO GET OUT OF HERE, HE'S THE TICKET.



JUST MAKING SURE THESE CRATES ARE PROPERLY... PACKED.

COME ABOARD. I WILL PERSONALLY SHOW YOU TO YOUR QUARTERS.

WE'LL BE RIGHT THERE.



YOU AND I WILL TALK ABOUT THIS LATER.

THE PHRASE EVERY BOY IS **JUST DYING** TO HEAR.

SHANG TSUNG'S ISLAND.

WHEN THE *GUESTS*
ARRIVE, WE MUST DIVIDE AND CONQUER.
YOU WILL NEED MY STRENGTH.

NOT ONE,
BOTH OF
THEM. AT
THE SAME
TIME.

RIGHT
OVER THE
HEART.

NOW
TAKE THE
POWER AND
THE PAIN...

...TOGETHER WE WILL
SHED BLOOD UPON THIS ISLAND AS
NEVER BEFORE. THAT CRIMSON TIDAL
WAVE WILL CARRY ME TO CONQUER
OUTWORLD... THEN EARTHREALM...
AND FINALLY...

...TO SLAUGHTER
THE ELDER GODS
THEMSELVES!

RRRAAGH!!

SOMEWHERE ON THE LOST SEA.

"COME ON, SONYA.
THERE'S *PLENTY* OF
ROOM IN THE BED--



CAGE/BLADE

SEKRET ORIGIN

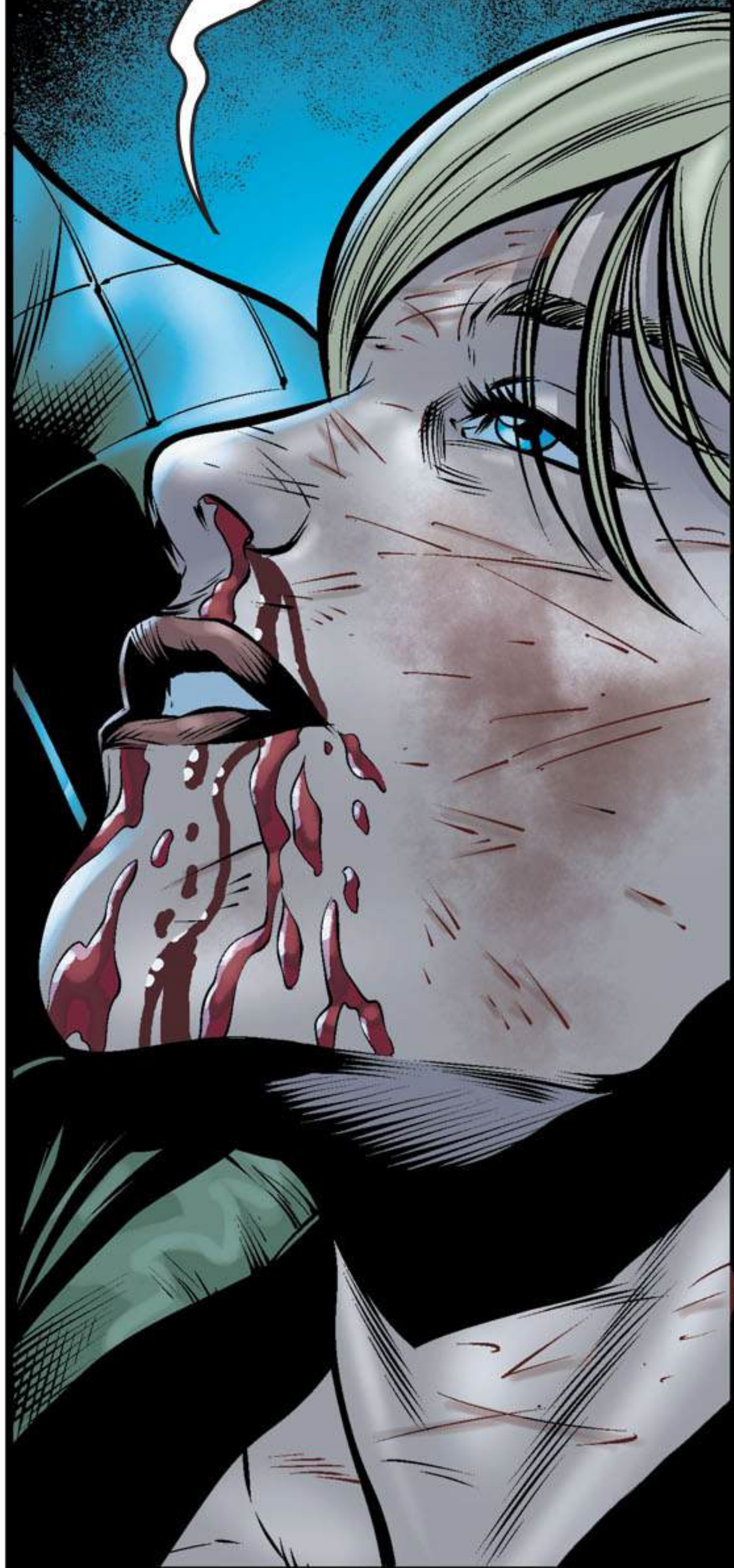
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SEVERAL YEARS AGO.



SHHH... NOK...
JUH--JEH--
JOHNNY?!

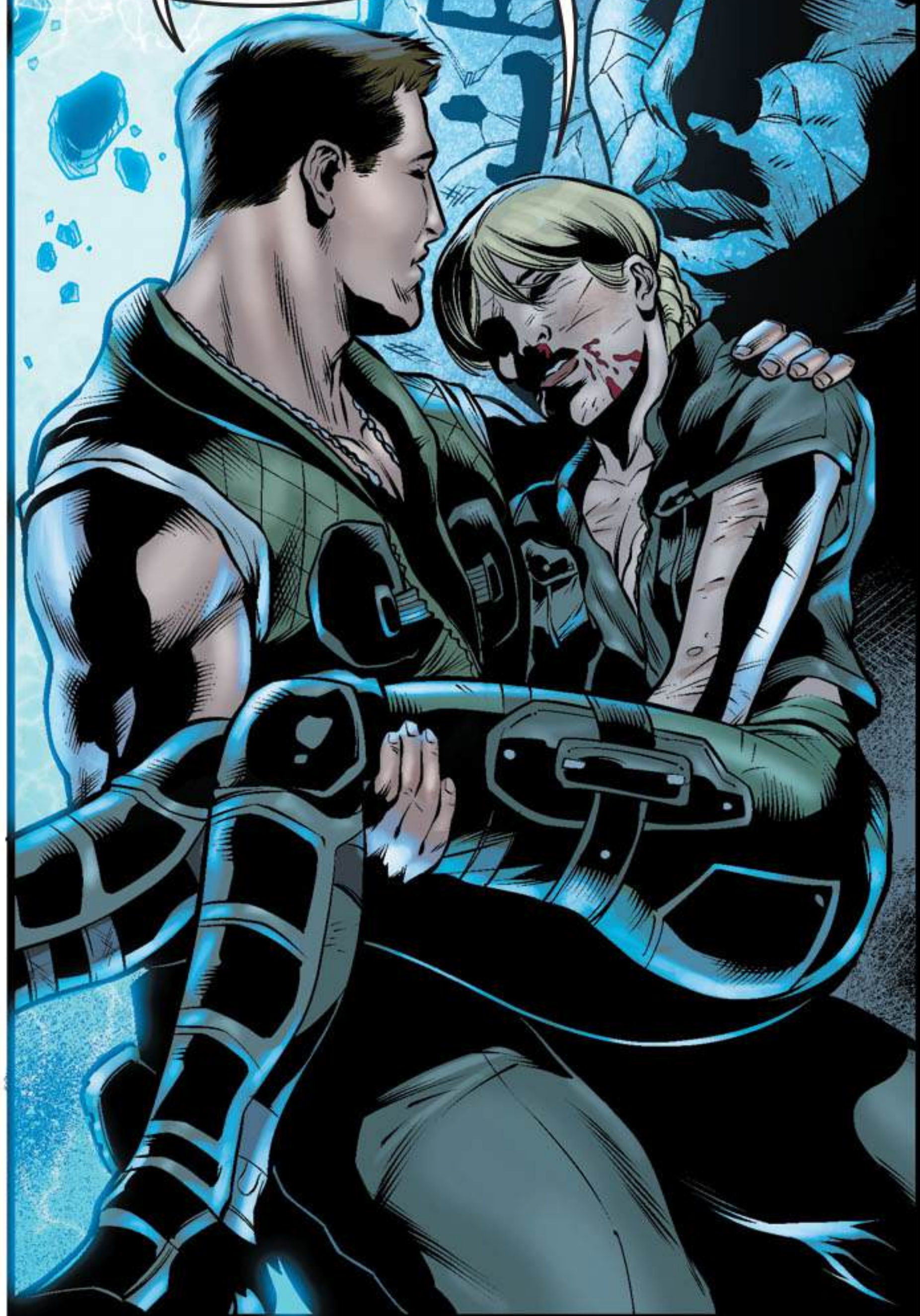


THE JINSEI CHAMBER.

EASY,
SONYA. RAIDEN SAYS
THIS PLACE'LL HEAL
YOU.

IT'S
OVER...
SHINNOK'S
DONE?

HELL YEAH!
AND RAIDEN'S GOT
A PLAN TO MAKE SURE
HE *NEVER* BREAKS
OUT AGAIN.



IN THE BATTLE...I'VE NEVER
SEEN YOU ACT LIKE THAT
BEFORE...

LIKE
WHAT?

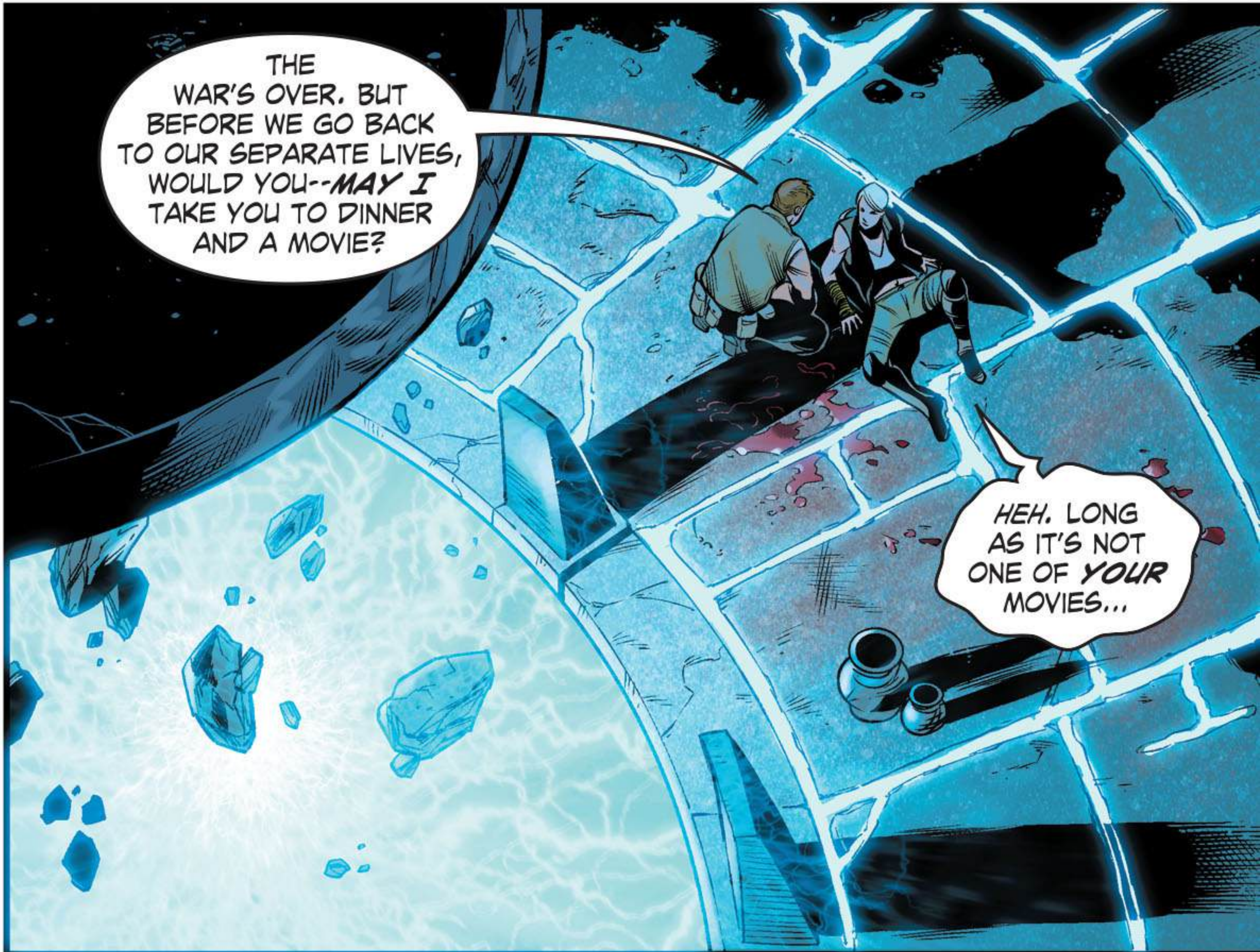
SELFLESS.

AW, THAT WAS NOTHING. *YOU* TOOK
A DIRECT HIT FROM *SHINNOK'S*
AMULET! I THOUGHT YOU
WERE A GONER.

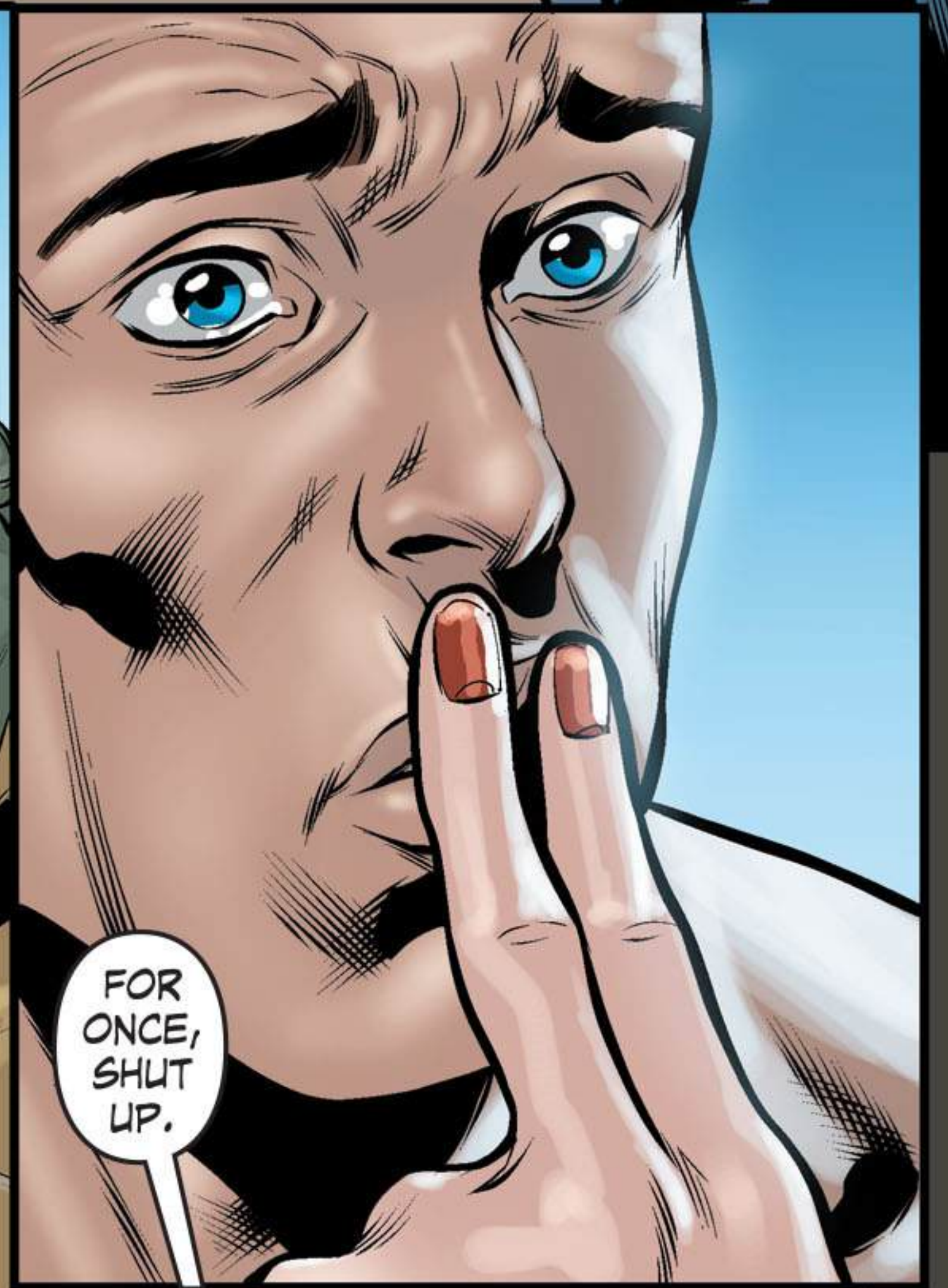
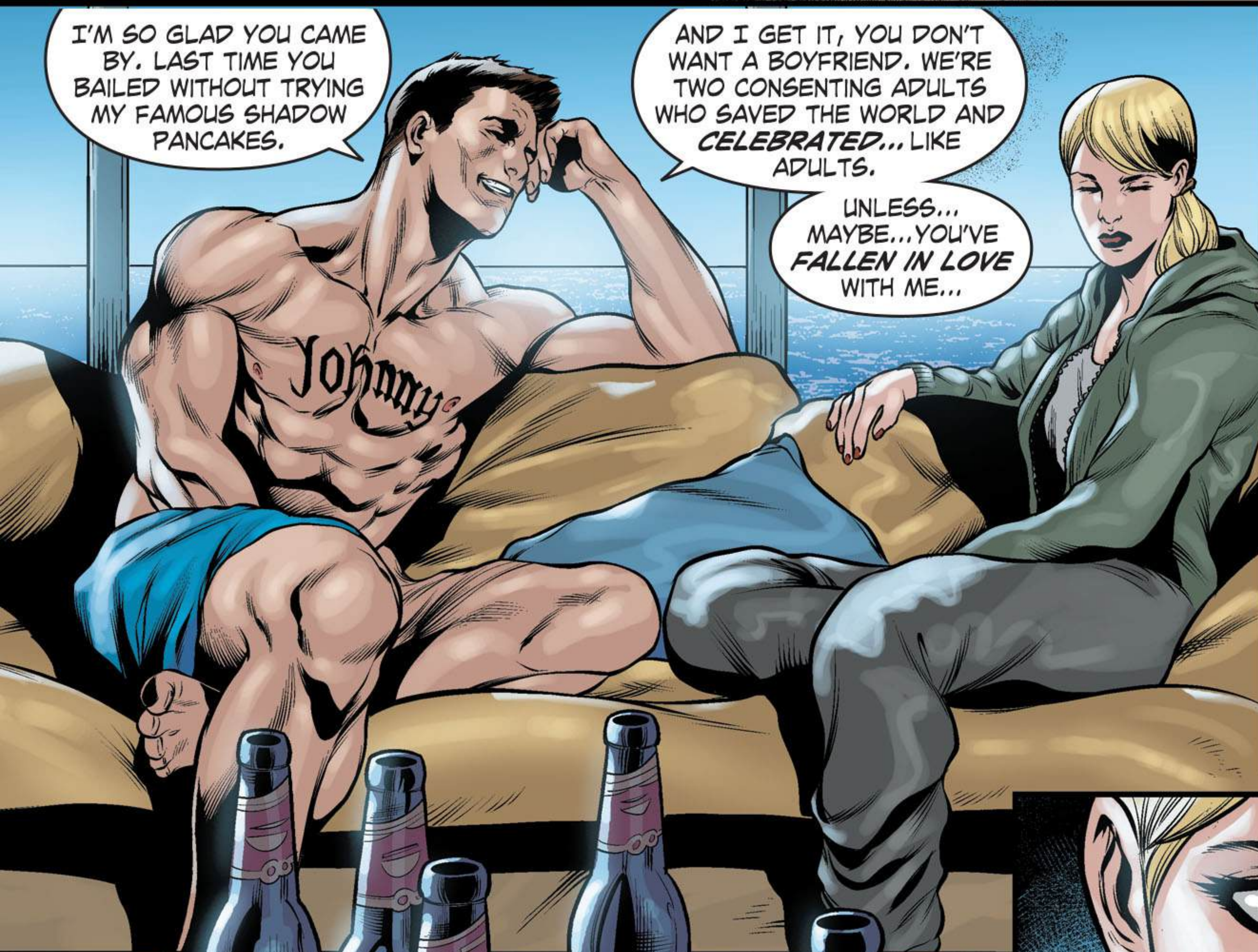
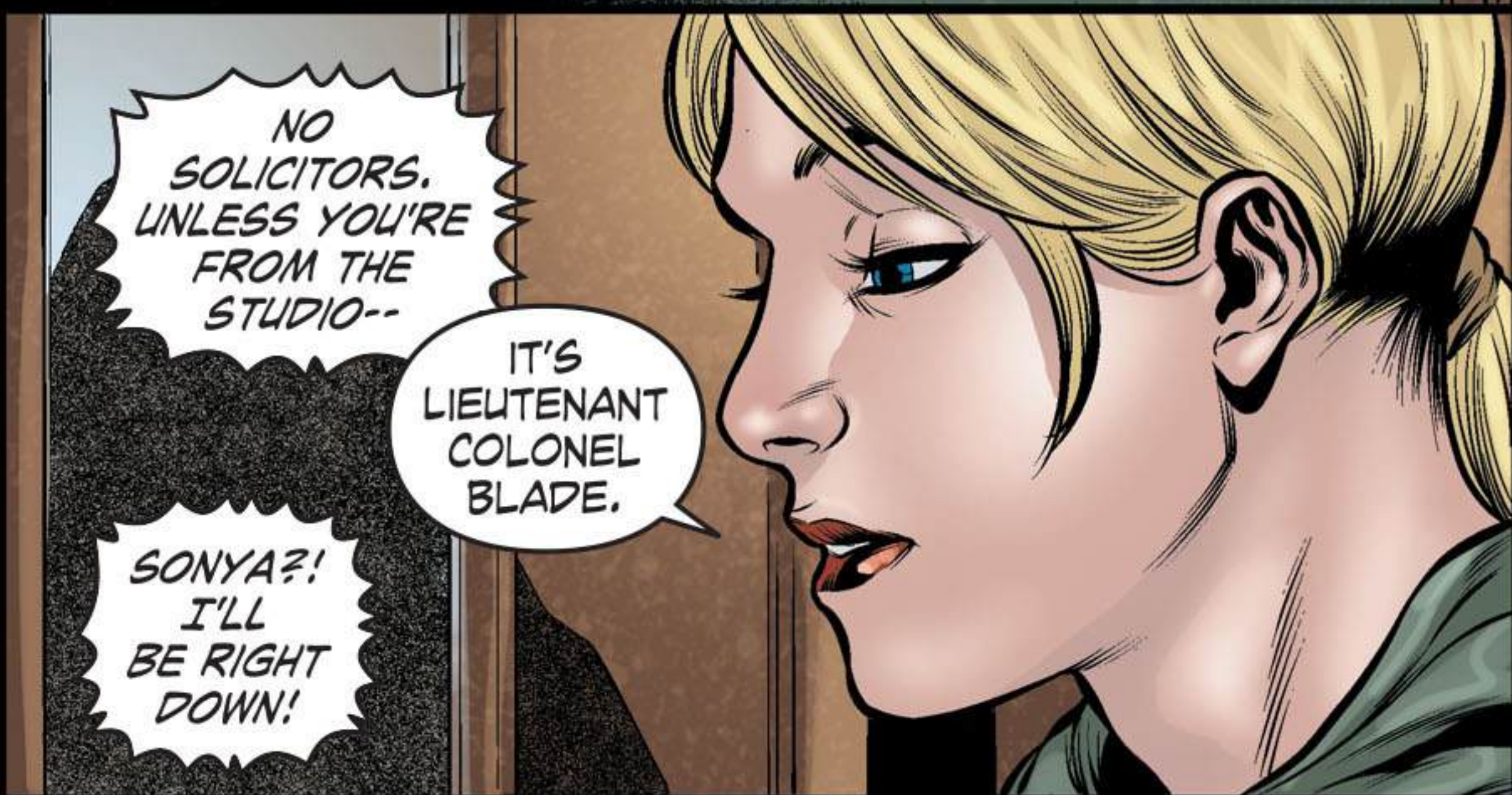
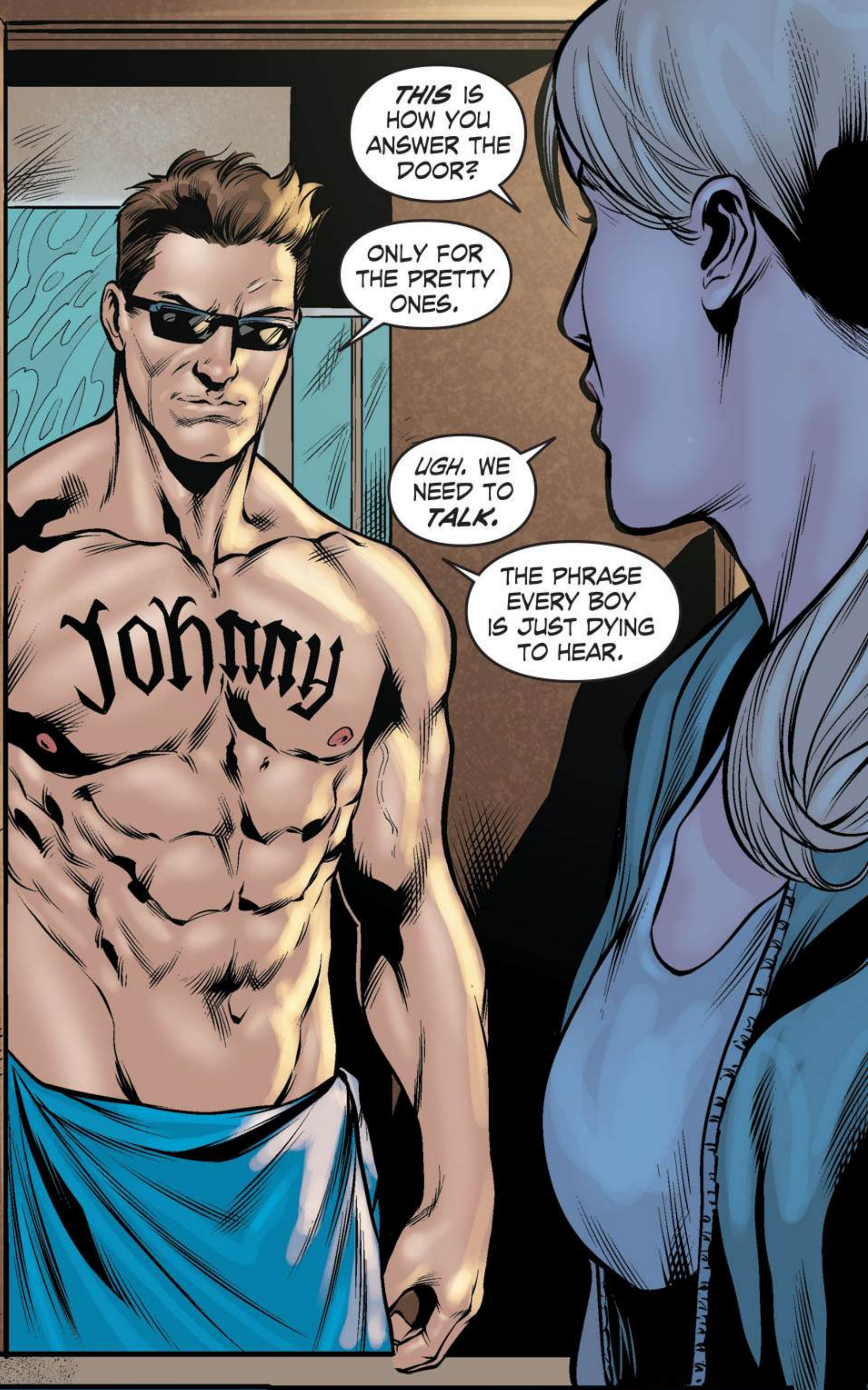
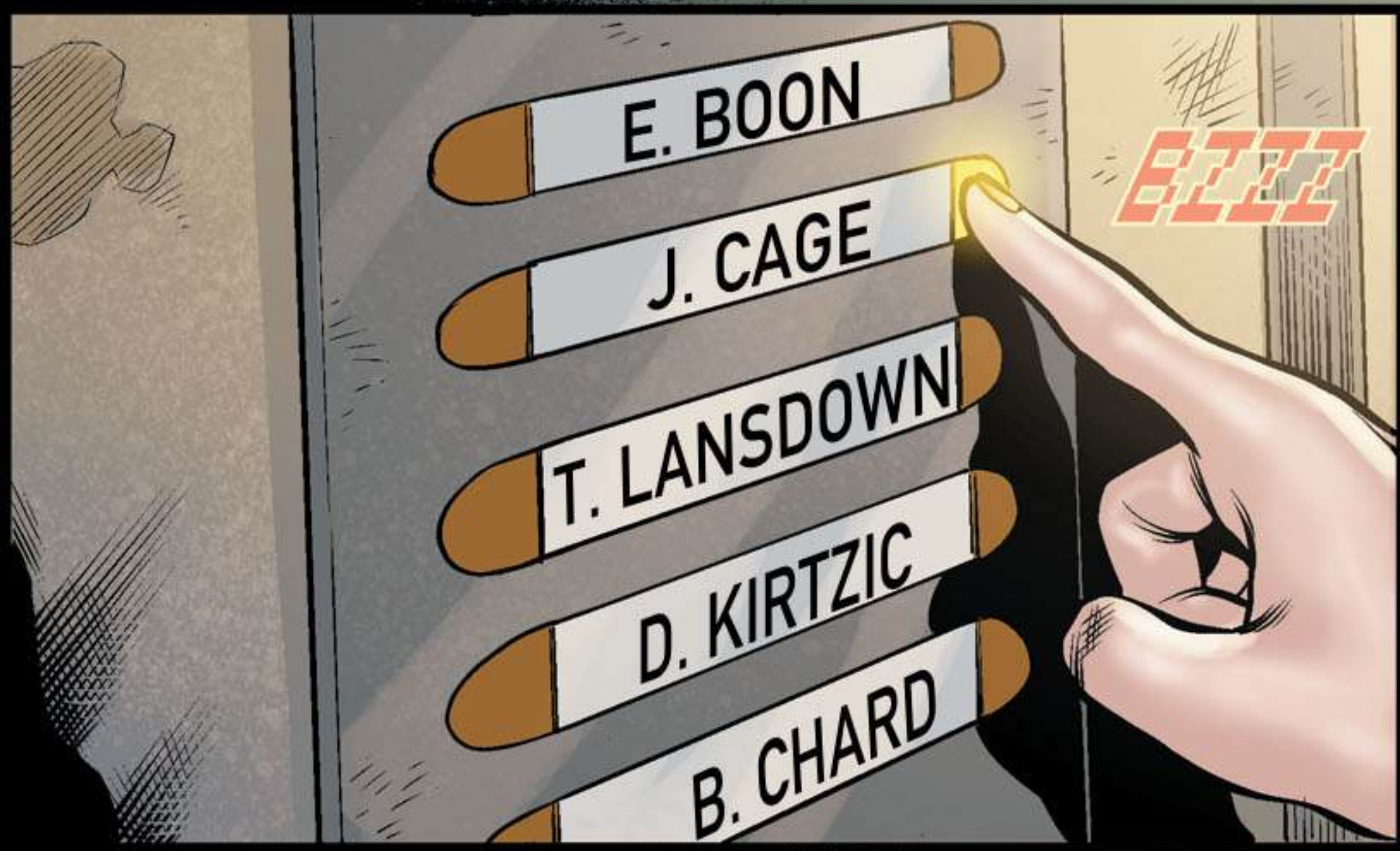


SO...WHILE
YOU'RE FEELIN'
THIS JINSEI HIGH,
THERE'S SOMETHING
I'VE WANTED
TO ASK...

THE
WAR'S OVER. BUT
BEFORE WE GO BACK
TO OUR SEPARATE LIVES,
WOULD YOU--*MAY I*
TAKE YOU TO DINNER
AND A MOVIE?



HEH. LONG
AS IT'S NOT
ONE OF *YOUR*
MOVIES...





A FEW YEARS LATER.



TEN HOURS LATER.

NORTHERN PAKISTAN.

THIS WAS SUPPOSED TO BE A *STEALTH* EXTRACTION! I THOUGHT YOU DITCHED THESE GUYS IN THE HIMALAYA?

I DID! TURNS OUT THE *RED DRAGON* PAID OFF EVERY LOCAL TERRORIST FROM HERE TO INDIA.

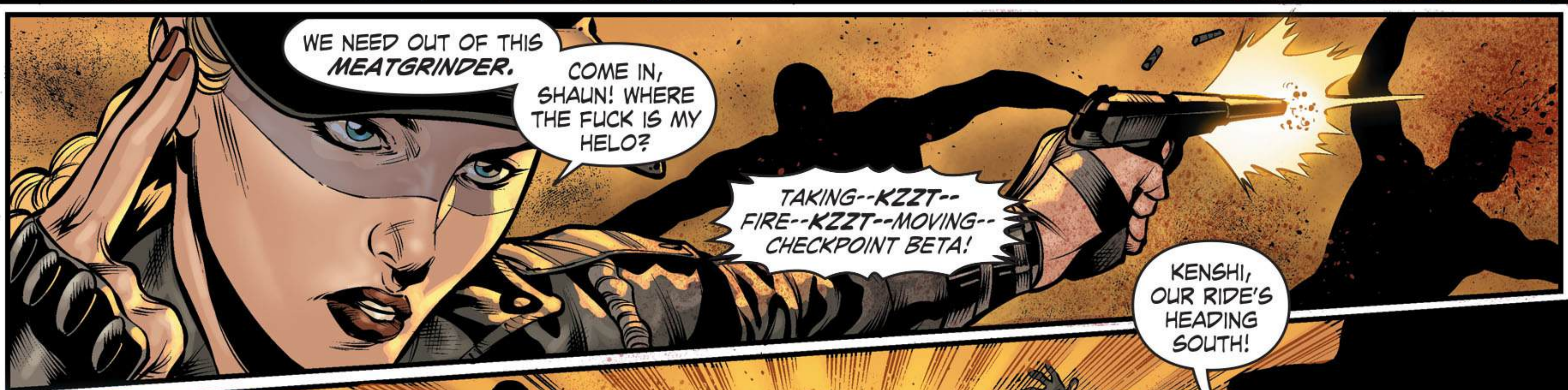


WE NEED OUT OF THIS MEATGRINDER.

COME IN, SHAUN! WHERE THE FUCK IS MY HELO?

TAKING--KZZT--FIRE--KZZT--MOVING--CHECKPOINT BETA!

KENSHI, OUR RIDE'S HEADING SOUTH!

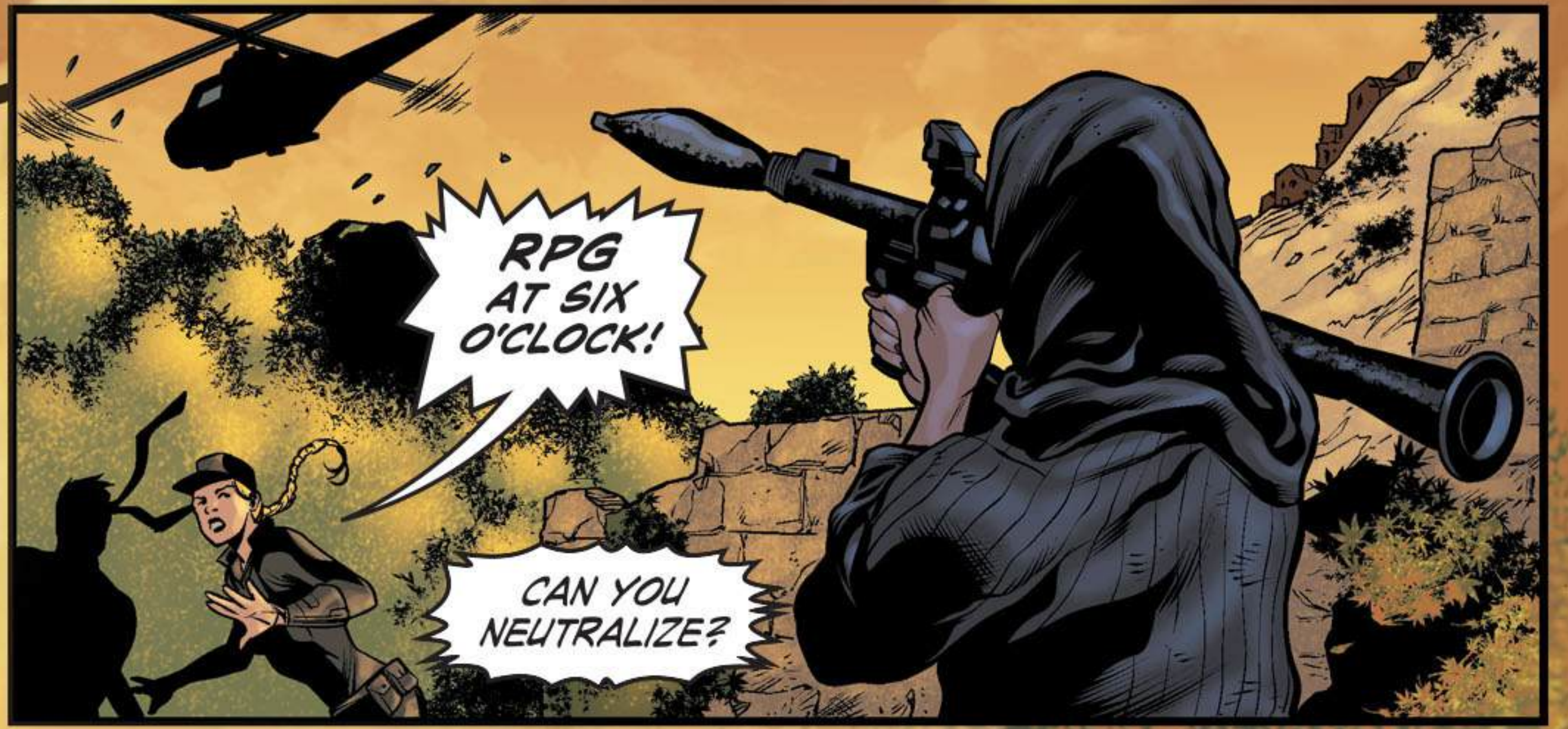


COPY THAT.





THERE'S OUR BIRD! I'LL COVER US!



RPG AT SIX O'CLOCK!

CAN YOU NEUTRALIZE?



GOT HER IN MY SIGHTS--

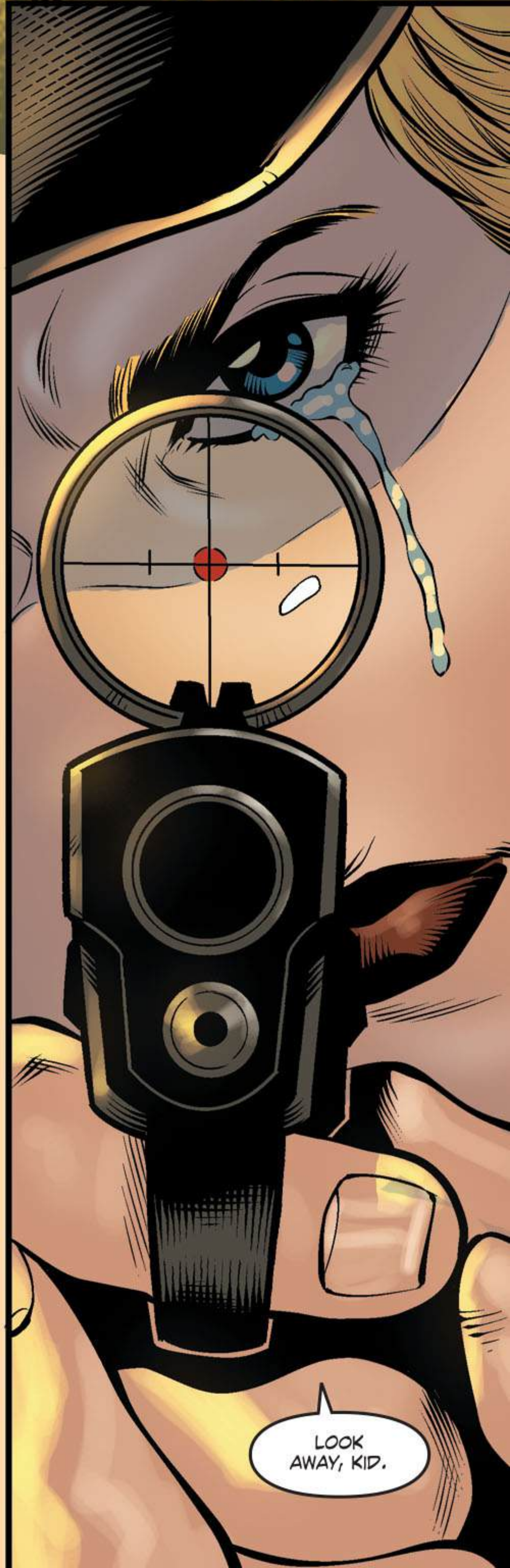


SHIT.



SONYA! TAKE THE SHOT!

I--I...



LOOK AWAY, KID.



SHE KEPT *WATCHING* ME. EVEN AFTER I PULLED THE TRIGGER.

JEEZ, SONYA. DID YOU--DID THE GIRL--

NO. JUST...HER MOTHER.

PART OF ME WANTED TO BELIEVE I WAS SETTING THAT LITTLE GIRL *FREE*.



FREE FROM A MOTHER WHO CARED MORE ABOUT *FIELD ARTILLERY* THAN FIELD TRIPS.

JUST LIKE ME. JUST LIKE *CASSIE*.

I'M SORRY, SONYA. I NEVER KNEW...



YOU NEVER ASKED.



THE ISLAND IS ON OUR HORIZON!

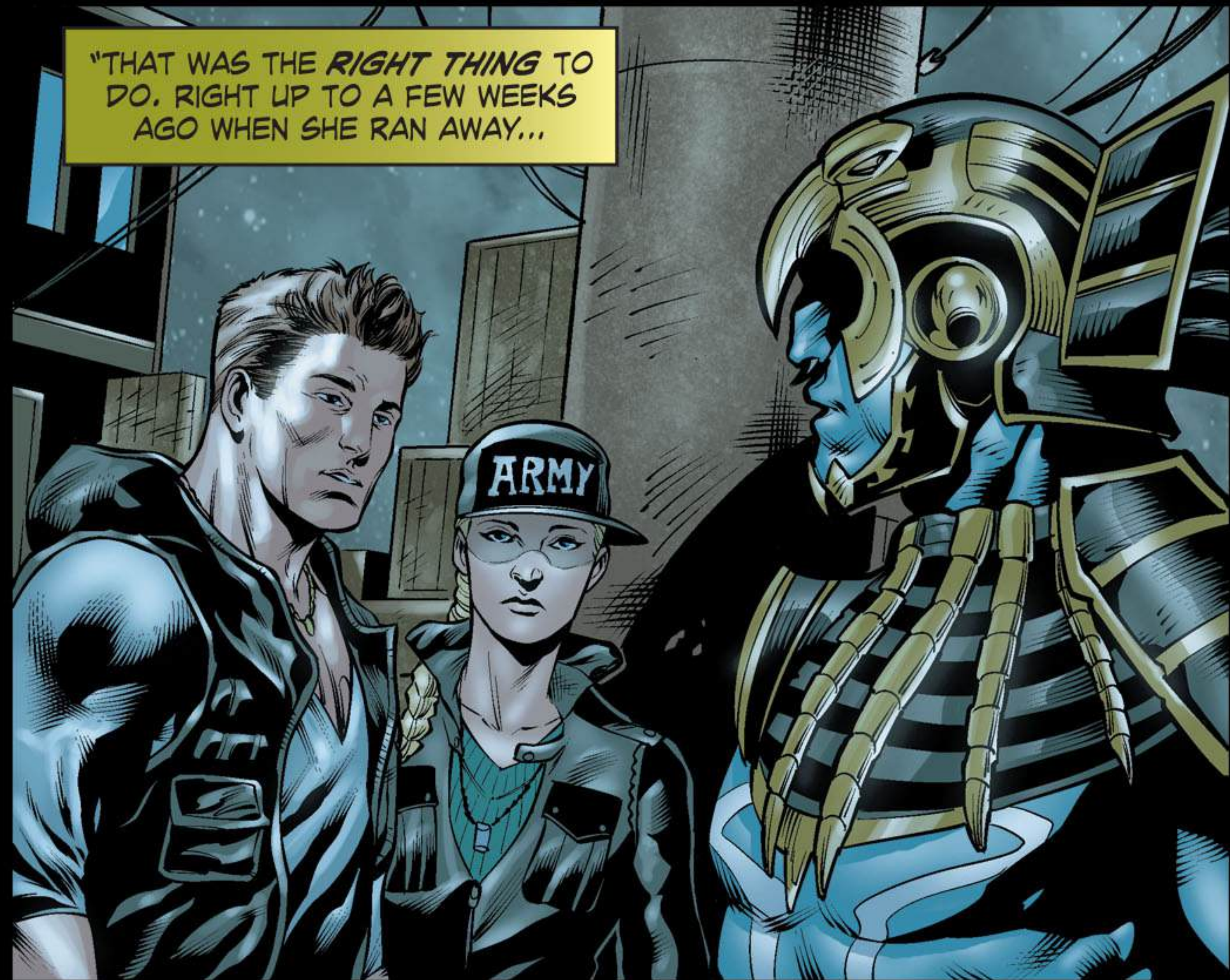
IT'S GONNA BE A WHILE BEFORE WE'RE READY TO STORM THE BEACH. WE CAN KEEP TALKING--



WHAT ELSE IS THERE TO SAY, JOHNNY?



"I GAVE UP MY DAUGHTER'S CHILDHOOD TO MAKE HER WORLD SAFE."



"THAT WAS THE *RIGHT THING* TO DO. RIGHT UP TO A FEW WEEKS AGO WHEN SHE RAN AWAY..."



"...NOW WE'RE AT THE END OF THE WORLD, RELYING ON THE KINDNESS OF A BARBARIAN."

WE LAND AT DAWN. THE FORESTS OFF THE BEACH ARE TOO DANGEROUS TO TRAVERSE BY NIGHT.

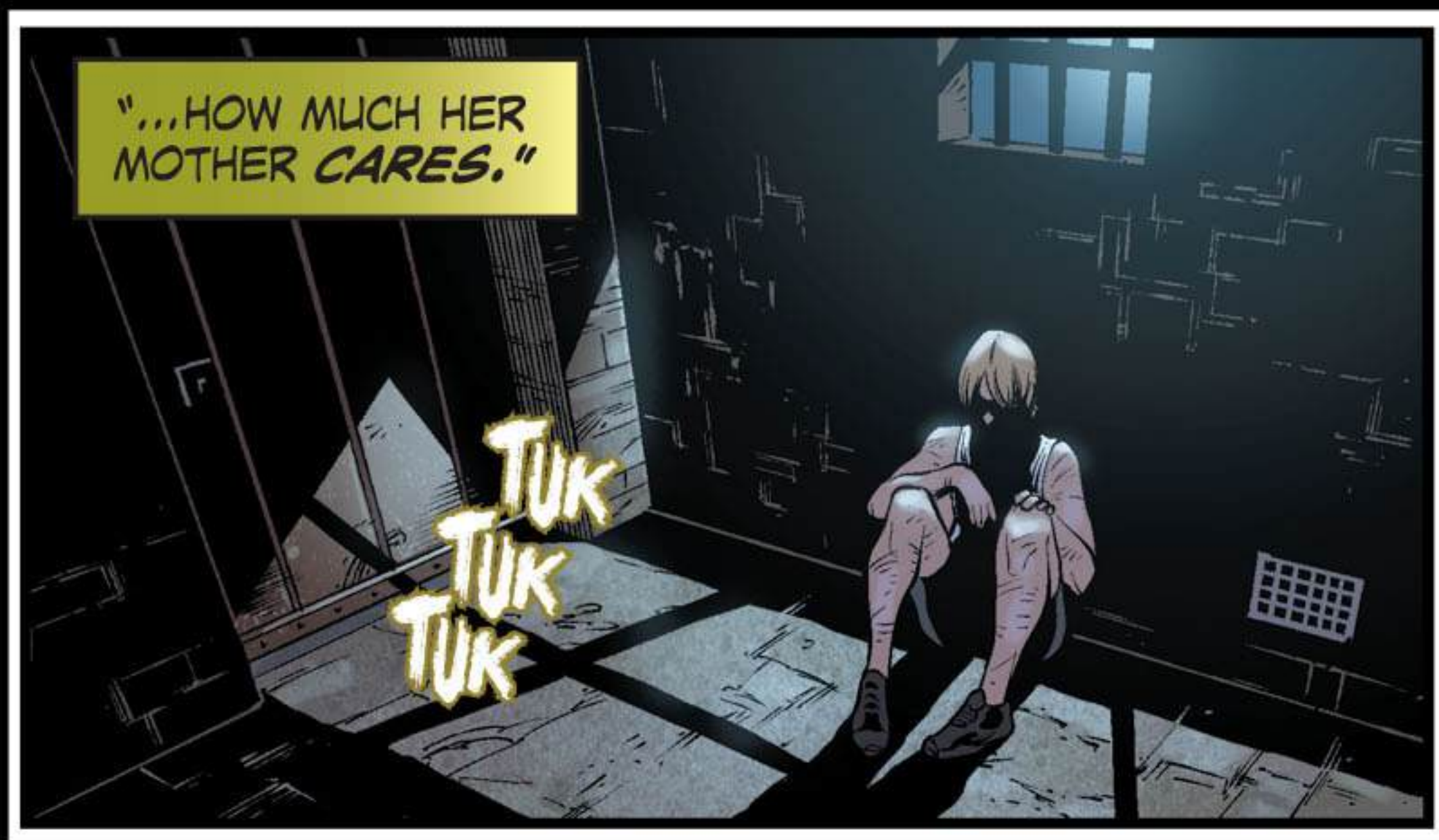
"WHO KNOWS WHAT SHE'S SEEN ON *SHANG TSUNG'S ISLAND*. WHAT KIND OF *TORTURE* THEY'VE INFLICTED ON HER..."

"...ALL I KNOW FOR CERTAIN IS IF WE FAIL, IF WE *DON'T* SAVE HER..."

"...THEN I GAVE UP ALL THOSE YEARS FOR NOTHING."

"I *NEVER* KNEW MY OWN DAUGHTER. AND *SHE* NEVER KNEW..."







JACQUI?!



GOOD NEWS, CASSIE!
WE'RE SAVED.
SKARLET CAN
FREE US...WITH THE
BLOOD CODE!

JACQUI,
THIS IS *INSANE*.
DON'T--

HOLD
HER STEADY,
LADY BRIGGS!



WE HAVE
IMPORTANT GUESTS
ARRIVING SOON,
CASSIE.

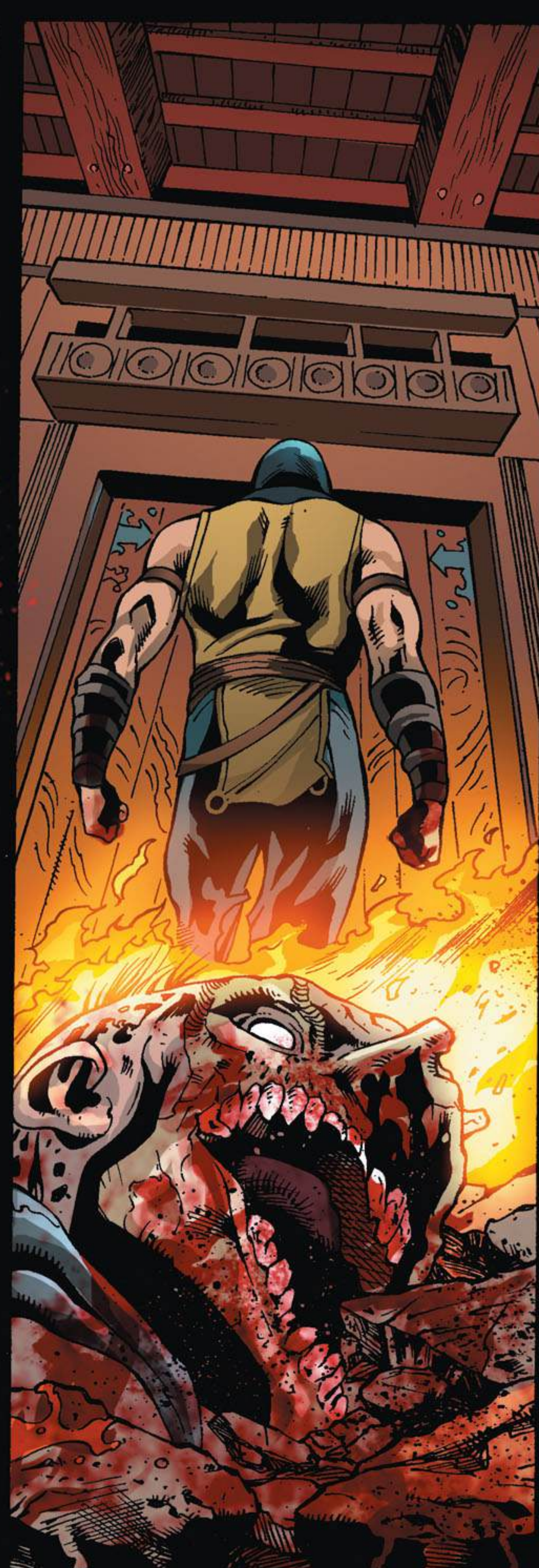
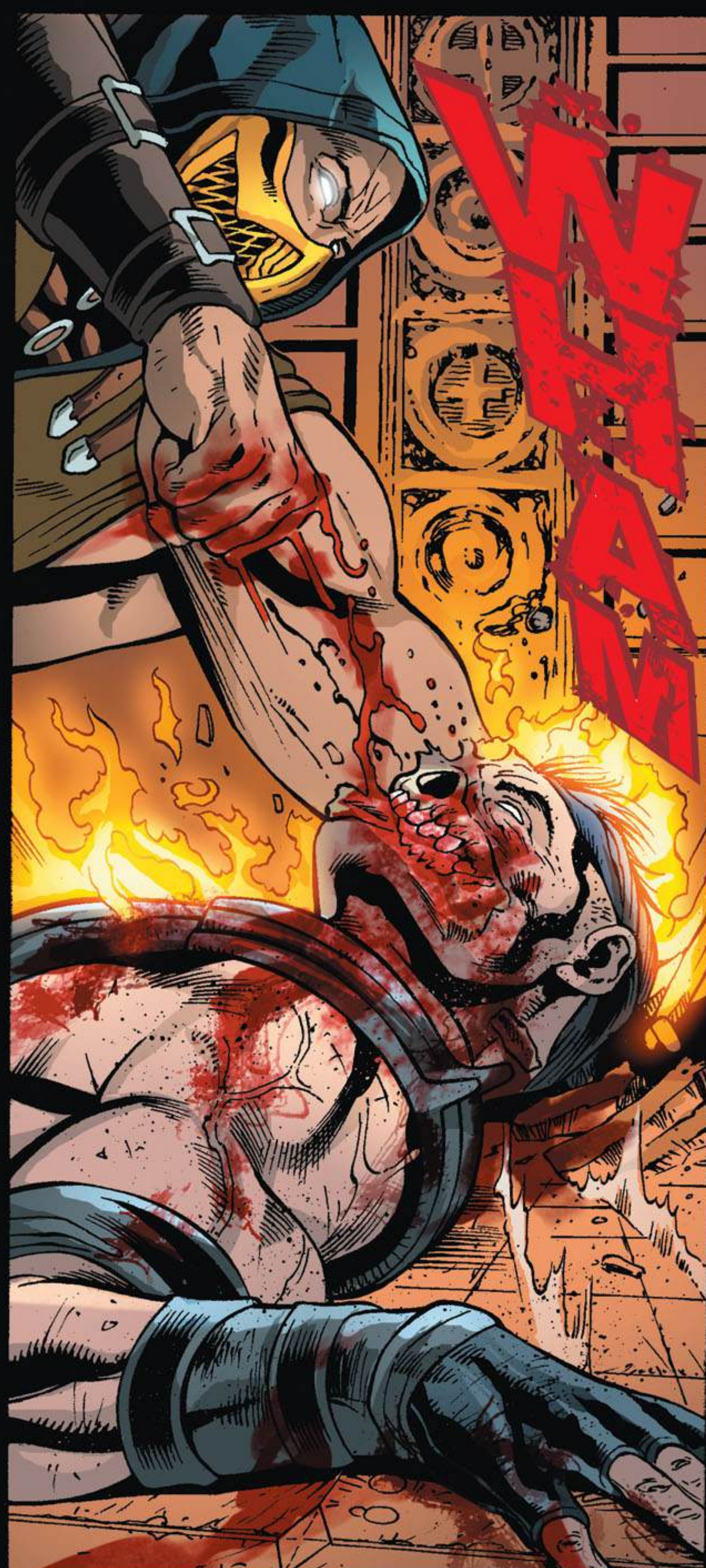
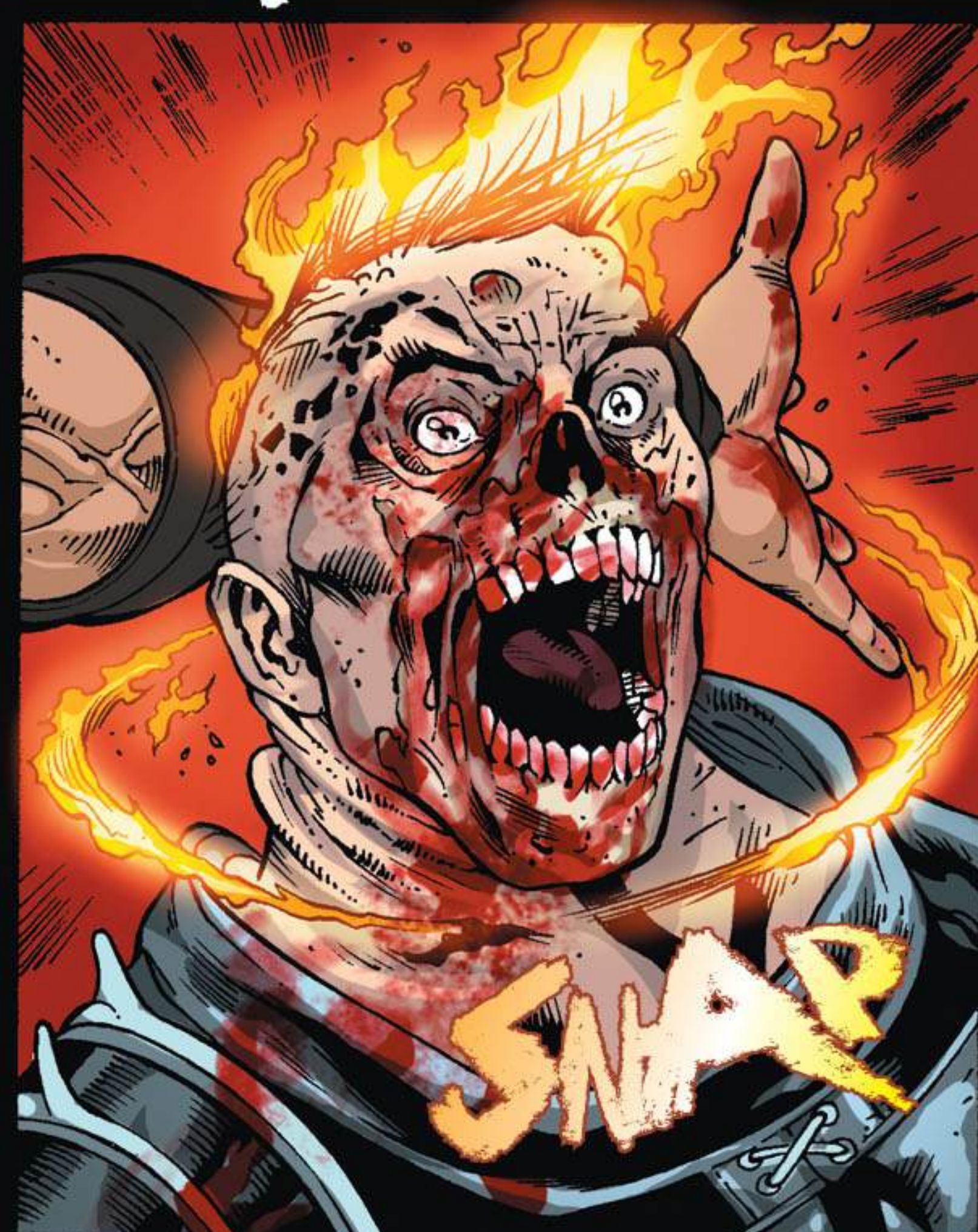
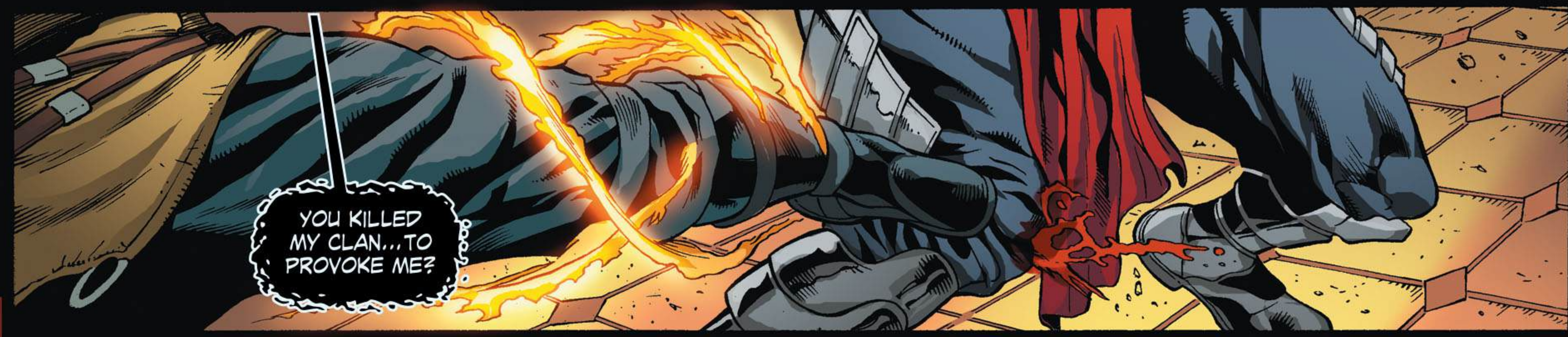
YOUR
PARENTS.

BITE ME,
SKARLET. IF
YOU HURT THEM
I'LL--



YOU'LL GIVE THEM
A PROPER BLOODY
WELCOME!

RAAGH!!





DON'T LEAVE...
WE'RE NOT
FINISHED
YET,
HANZO.



YOU'RE
HOLDING BACK...
ALL THAT FIRE...
BUT YOU'RE
AFRAID TO GET
BURNED...



WHY NOT LET THE FIRE TAKE
YOU? WHY BE A MORTAL
WHEN YOU COULD BE AN
AGENT OF CHAOS?!

RAIDEN IS MY PUPPET.
OUTWORLD IS EATING
ITSELF ALIVE. YOUR CLAN
IS DUST IN THE WIND.
YOUR APPRENTICE--



--IS ONE SLIP
O' THE KAMIDOGU
AWAY FROM BEING
MY SLAVE.

I'M SORRY,
HANZO. I WASN'T
READY FOR
HIM...



HOLD
STEADY, TAKEDA.
THIS ISN'T YOUR
FAULT.

要
自
決



YOU'VE MADE
YOUR POINT, HAVIK. STOP
PLAYING GAMES. TELL ME
WHAT YOU WANT.



FRIENDSHIP.

TOGETHER,
BLOOD AND FIRE
WILL LIBERATE
THE REALMS
FROM *ORDER*. NO
MORE GODS IN
COMMAND. ONLY
US.

I ONLY EVER
WANTED TAKEDA AS
LEVERAGE. SURRENDER
TO YOUR NATURE AND
THE BOY IS YOURS.
KEEP HIM, KILL HIM,
I DON'T CARE.



HANZO,
PLEASE...



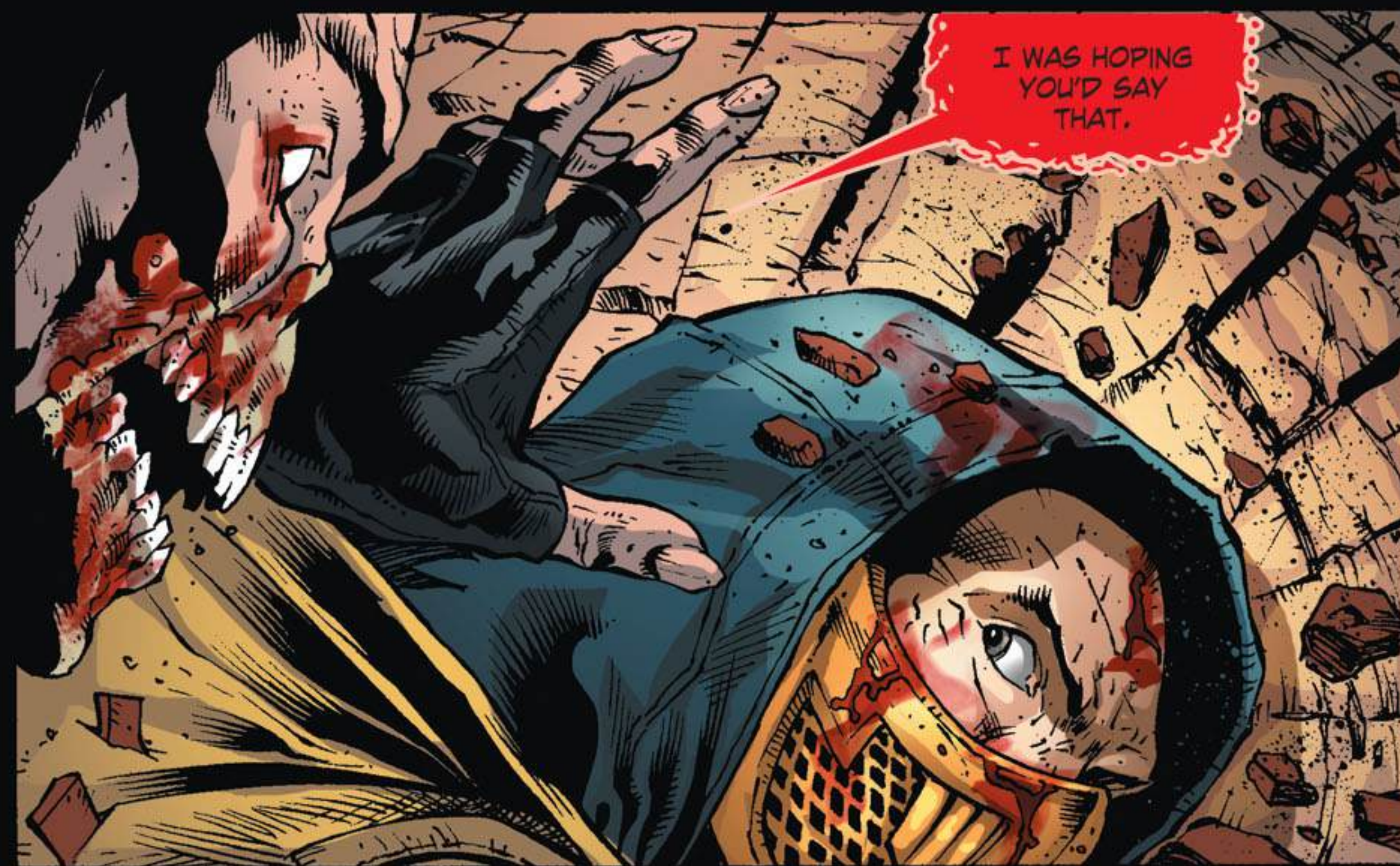


YOU COULDN'T HAVE MADE IT THIS FAR WITHOUT BURNING HOTTER AND HOTTER.



HOW FAR MUST I PUSH? HOW CLOSE TO DEATH BEFORE SCORPION TAKES OVER?

ALL... THE WAY.



I WAS HOPING YOU'D SAY THAT.



GET UP, HANZO!



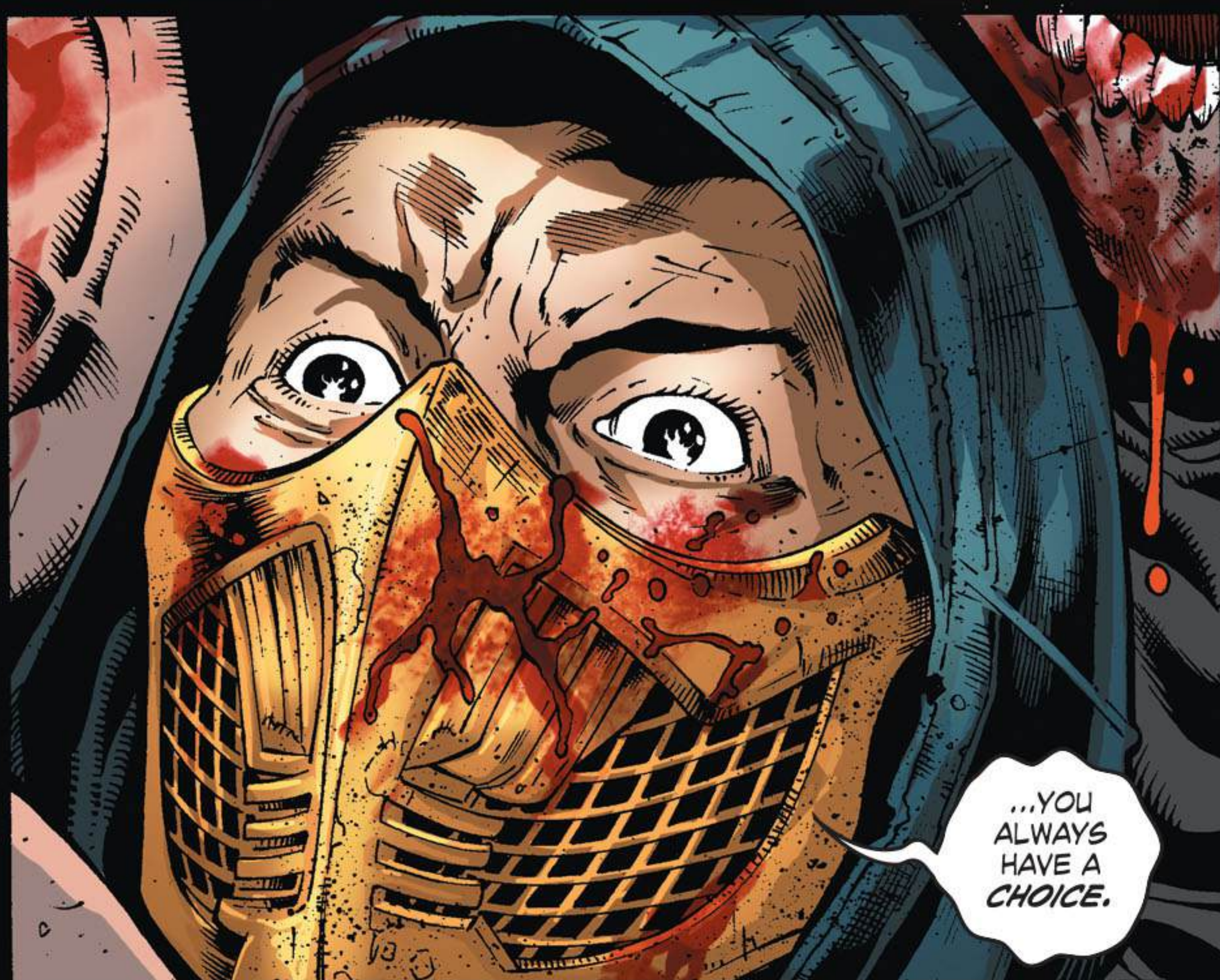
THERE'S MY SCORPION!

LET'S TURN UP THE HEAT!

TAKEDA... Y-YOU...



NO...



...YOU ALWAYS HAVE A CHOICE.



THUS
SPOKE HANZO
HASASHI.

SKRA



HANZO!!

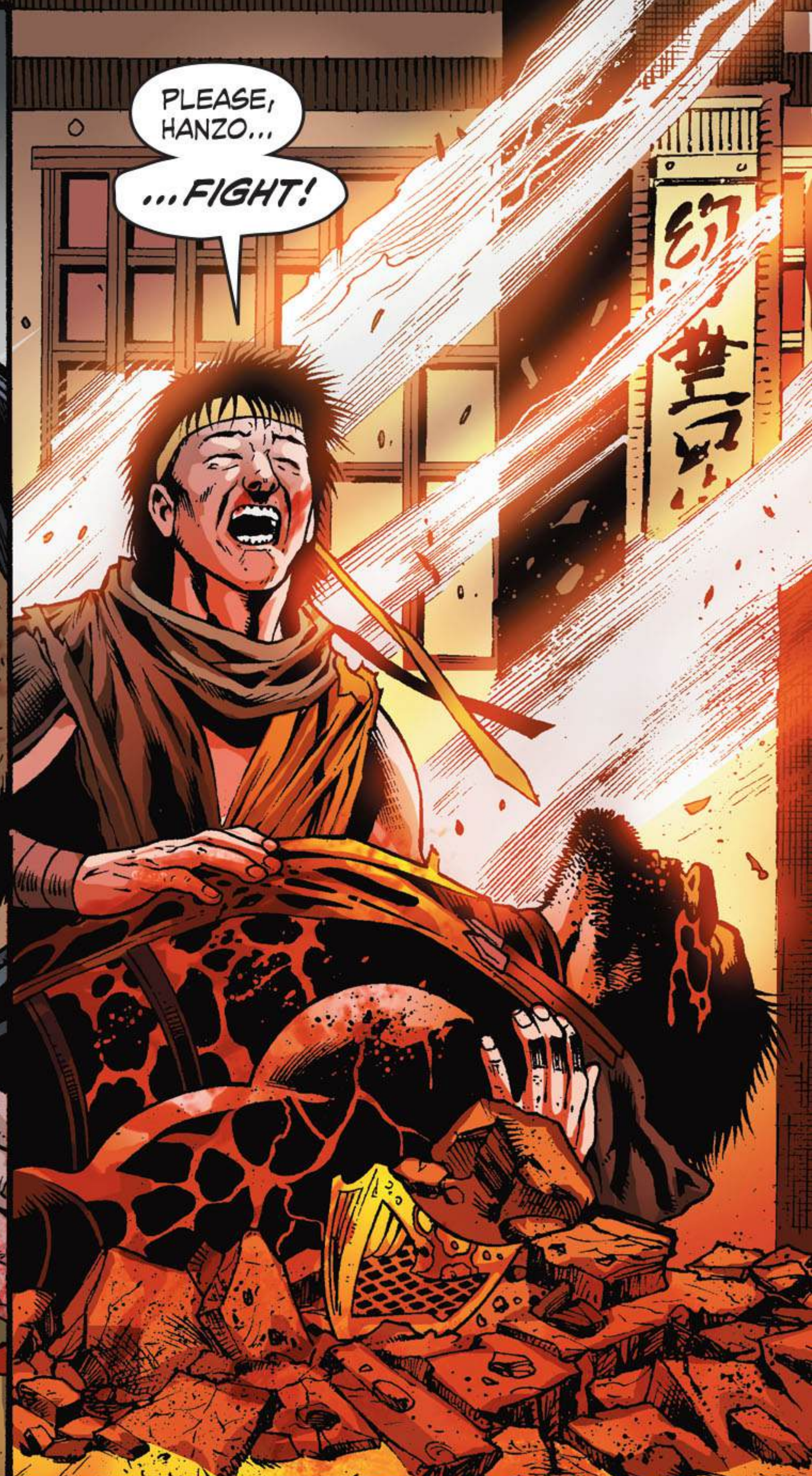
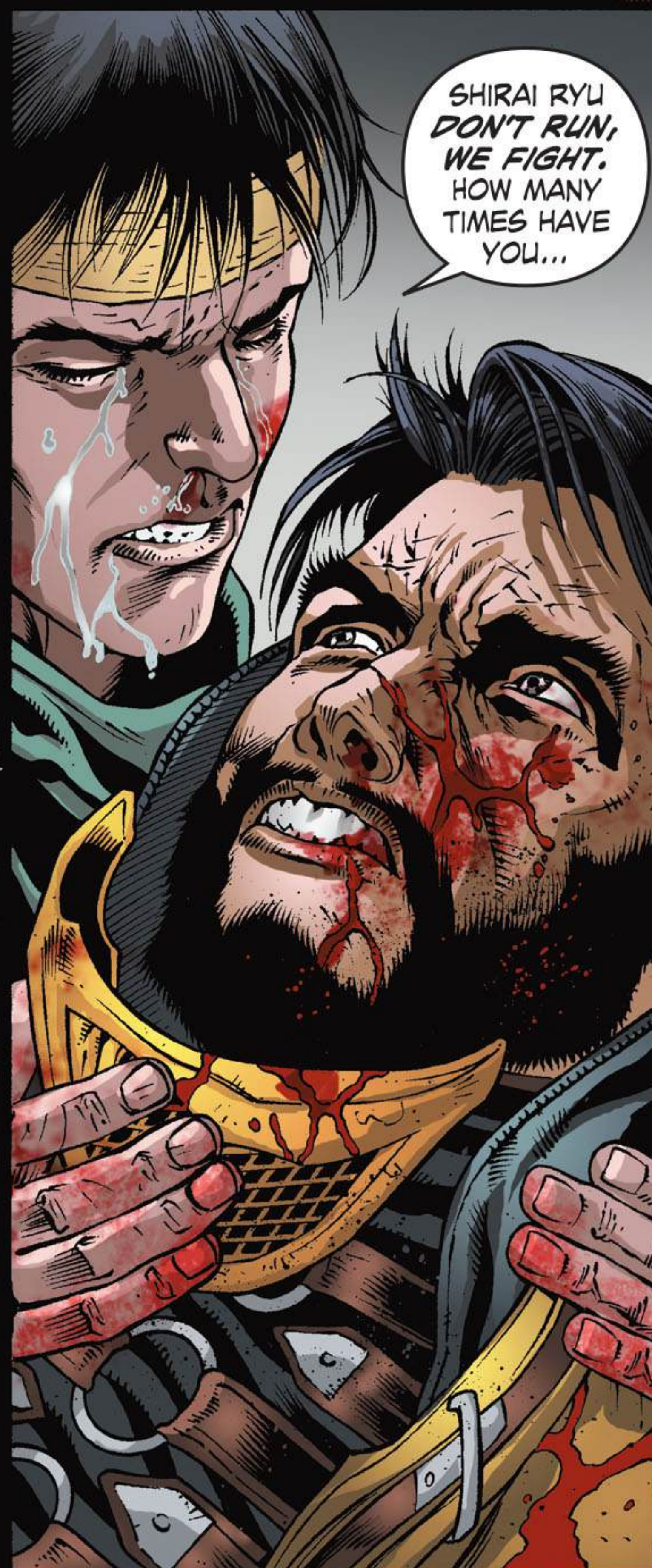


COME, COME, TAKEDA! WITNESS
FIRSTHAND THE REBIRTH
OF SCORPION.



MASTER
HANZO, PLEASE...
COME BACK. TELL
ME WHAT TO
DO...

HE CAN'T
SAY MUCH WITH
BOTH HIS LUNGS
COLLAPSED.





HERE COME THE
FIREWORKS...

...OR MAYBE
NOT? WHERE'S
SCORPION?

THERE WAS NO SCORPION. HANZO
MADE HIS OWN DECISIONS...EVEN
WHEN HE SERVED QUAN CHI,
HE *CHOSE* DEATH.

YOU'LL
NEVER
CONTROL
HIM.



HM, THEN
HE *WAS* AN
AGENT OF
CHAOS.

LEAVE,
TAKEDA, UNLESS
YOU WISH
TO JOIN YOUR
MASTER.



I WON'T REST
UNTIL YOU PAY
FOR THIS.

I LOOK
FORWARD
TO THAT.



SHANG TSUNG'S ISLAND.





GET FUCKED,
REIKO.

YOUR
WAR IS WITH ME, REIKO.
WHAT DO YOU GAIN BY
INCITING FURTHER CONFLICT
WITH EARTHREALM?



I DON'T
SEEK CONFLICT.
I SEEK TO
CONQUER.

TO MERGE
OUR REALMS
AS SHAO KAHN
ENVISIONED,
UNDER ONE RULE.
MY RULE.

I WILL
RETURN THE
MAIDENS. THAT
IS, IF THEY
TRULY WISH TO
LEAVE...



NO...

PRINCESS?



HERE THEY ARE, GIRLS.
BETTER LATE THAN
NEVER.

JOHNNY, SONYA...
YOU PROBABLY SPENT MORE
TIME ARGUING WITH EACH OTHER
THAN LOOKING FOR US.

GOOD
THING WE WERE
SAVED BY THE
BLOOD CODE.

THIS
ISLAND IS OUR
HOME NOW.
REIKO IS OUR
GOD.

AND WE'RE
GOING TO
KILL YOU TO
PROVE IT.



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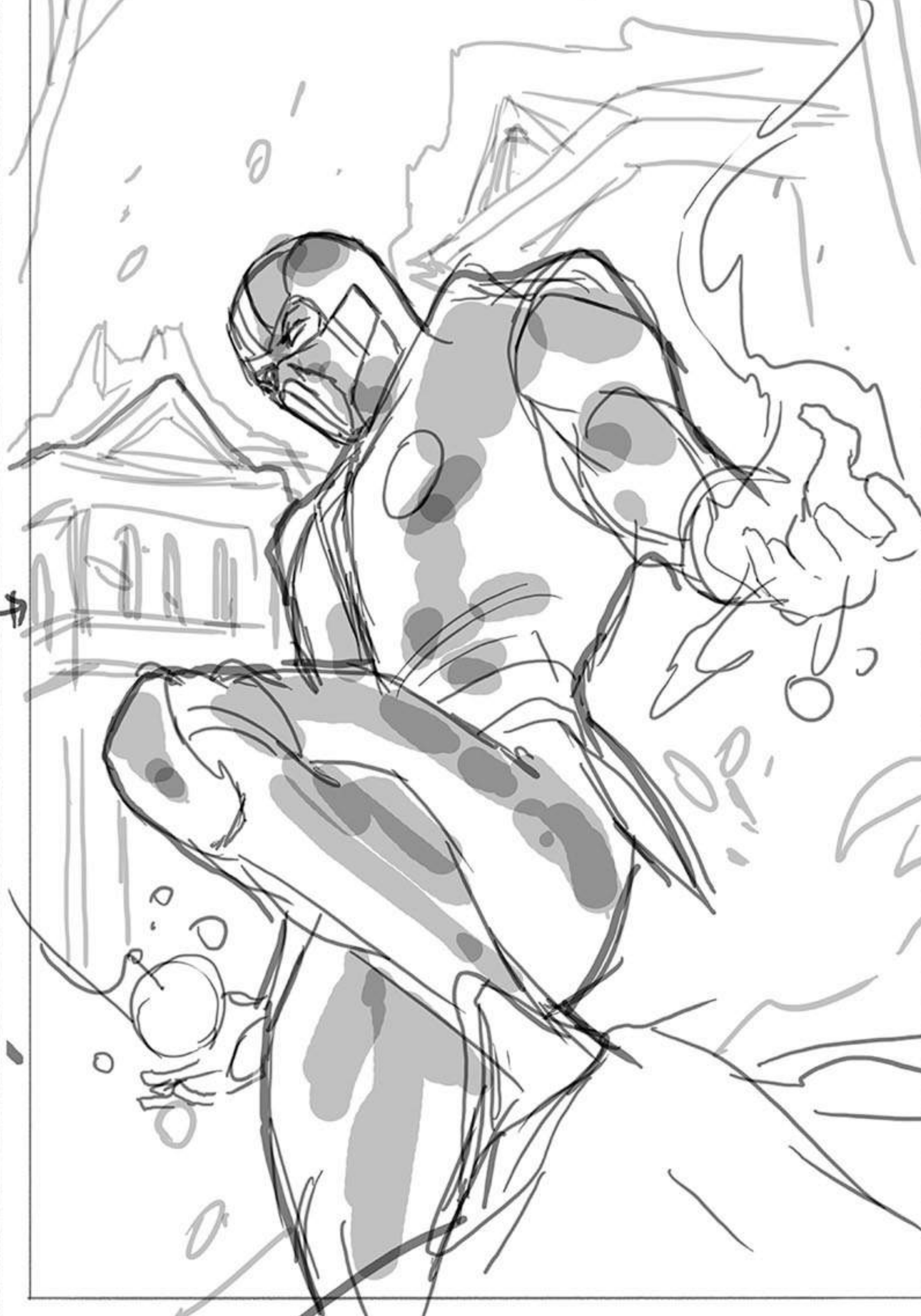
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(A)



(B)



Temple covered with ice

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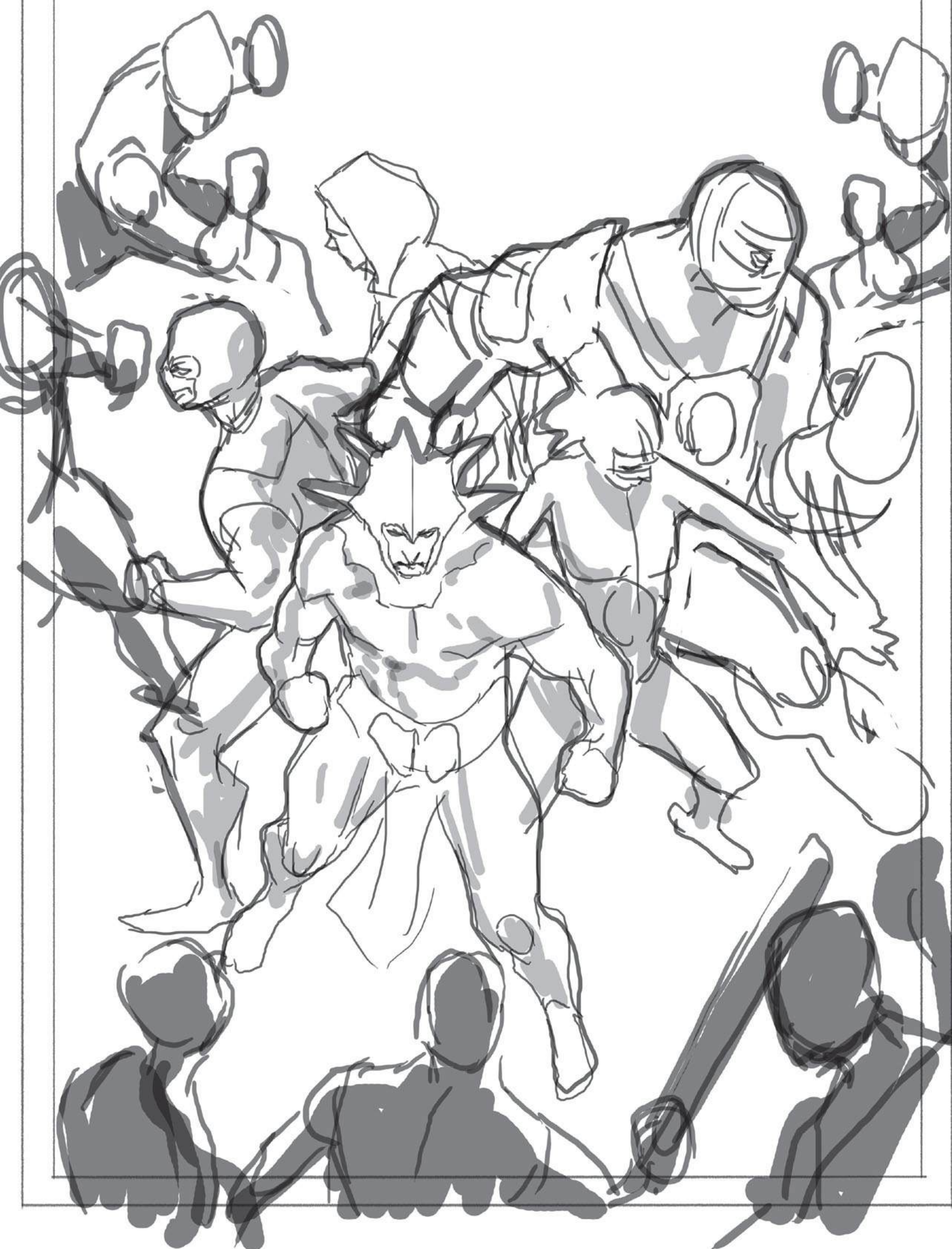
X Fatality spot



Final Layout!



 **MORTAL KOMBAT™ X**



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Final tight Layouts



A



B



C



Final layouts!





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